

## COMMENT OF THE DAY

### Trading With Russia

THE evidence is now overwhelming that the Russians are in earnest about their stated aim of increasing their imports from Britain. The £16m. worth of contracts just signed in Moscow are only a beginning. There is considerably more than this immediately in the offing—the latest figure given is of £48m. of business currently under negotiation with the representatives of British firms now in Russia—and the Soviet Minister for Foreign Trade, Mr. Kabanov, has given an estimate of £400m. as the total value of the British goods that he would like to buy over a three-year period. Even if a generous deduction is made from this figure for those goods which cannot be sold to the Russians under the present system of strategic controls, the amount left over makes an impressive total. Mr. Henthorn-Amory has suggested that there might be as much as £176m.-£180m. of non-strategic items in the lists of goods which Mr. Kabanov has stated that he wants to buy from Britain.

THAT would represent about £80m. a year over the three-year period—or some \$60m. more than in the peak post-war year for exports of British goods to Russia, in 1950. The question is: Where could Russia find the necessary foreign exchange to pay for so large an increase in her sterling purchases? After all, last year when Russia's imports of British manufactured goods were down to £8.3m., her sterling earnings were not enough to pay for the food and raw materials that she bought from the rest of the sterling area; and she had to sell a sizable quantity of gold. Is it to be inferred that the Russians are now preparing to meet the whole of this bill for the extra British goods that they wish to buy in gold?

THIS is a possible conclusion, but on the face of it not a very likely one. An alternative conclusion is that here is the proof that the Russians never meant the Kabanov offer seriously; it was only a propaganda move. There is no final proof yet either way; but the figures by themselves do not justify the sceptical view. Russia's shortage of sterling last year was mainly due to two factors: a rise in purchases of food and other commodities from the outer sterling area, combined with a sharp drop in the main staple export, grain, to the United Kingdom. Nevertheless, Russia managed, by increasing her exports of other items to Britain to reach a total of close on £40m. (c.i.f.) for the year. If in the future the Russians were able to add to that the price of a million tons of grain—the quantity which they sent in earlier post-war years—there would be scope for a very considerable increase in their imports from the United Kingdom, without any excessive strain on their gold supplies. It seems, indeed, that the best way to interpret Russia's real trading intentions is to see what she does with her grain during the next year.

# Labour Party Split: Attlee Wins Narrow Victory

## DULLES TO DEFEND BIG 4 DECISION

Washington, Feb. 24. The United States Secretary of State, Mr. John Foster Dulles, will today defend in a nation-wide broadcast the Big Four agreement for a conference with Communist China on Korea and Indo-China.

Without waiting for a full exposition by Mr. Dulles of the decision made by the Big Four at Berlin for such conference, the Republican Party leader in the Senate, Senator William Knowland, of California, on Monday launched into a warning against the dangers of a "Far Eastern Munich" and expressed misgivings about the implications of the Berlin decisions.

Senator Knowland and other critics do not object to Communist China taking part in a Korean political conference at Geneva as a Korean war belligerent in accordance with the Korean armistice provisions. But what disturbs them is the prospect of a Chinese Communist Foreign Minister discussing the problem of security in Indo-China with the Foreign Ministers of the Big Four as if they were one of the great powers entitled to sit on a global discussion of threats to world peace and international problems generally.

NOT EXPLICIT Although the status of Communist China was not explicitly defined in the Berlin communiqué, this is precisely the picture which is being presented to the world by Moscow and Peking. Many feel that the Soviet Foreign Minister, Mr. V. M. Molotov, at Berlin gained to that extent a major propaganda victory.

The fact that the Big Four, including the Soviet Union, specifically stated in the Berlin communiqué that the Chinese Communist participation in the conference did not involve diplomatic recognition only partially removed this objection.

It is pointed out that the Chinese Communists will be represented at the Indo-China conference neither as a belligerent nor as a branded aggressor, and is thus given a respectability which is distasteful to many in Congress.

Senator Knowland also revived the position previously taken by Mr. Dulles himself before the Berlin conference that Communist China should "earn" its place at any non-Korean conference by showing its willingness to negotiate reasonably at the Korean political conference.

The Eisenhower administration answer to this is that the agreement in an Indo-Chinese conference with Communist Chinese participation is a concession to French desires for some move towards an Indo-Chinese settlement.—China Mail Special.

### Bing Crosby To Have Operation

New York, Feb. 23. Bing Crosby "will soon undergo a serious operation," according to the New York Journal American today. The singer will be 65 in May. In a dispatch from Hollywood, the newspaper said it had learned from an unimpeachable source that Bing has now finished all pressing commitments and is ready to go to hospital. The nature of his ailment was not disclosed.—Reuter.

## Invitation To Spaniards

Gibraltar, Feb. 23. The Governor of Gibraltar, General Sir Gordon MacMillan, tonight invited any Spaniard who wanted to see Queen Elizabeth to visit Gibraltar during the Royal tour in May.

He said in a broadcast the frontier with Spain would not be closed for the Royal visit and there would be a "warm welcome for any Spaniard, especially those who work in such close harmony with us in Gibraltar."

(Last month, there were several anti-British demonstrations in Spain over the Queen's visit to Gibraltar, which Spain claims should be returned to her.) Sir Gordon MacMillan said tonight there were "no motives" behind the Royal visit and normal security precautions had been taken by police, military and security forces to ensure the Queen's safety.—Reuter.

## British Army Sergeant's Offence

Singapore, Feb. 24. A British Army sergeant was reduced to the ranks and sentenced to nine months' detention, when he pleaded guilty before a court martial here yesterday to charges of stealing stamps from two official letters on December 11 last year and exchanged them for money.

The prosecutor told the court that Sgt. Leslie Horace Nicholas of the Royal Army Ordnance Corps at GHQ field records here, while acting as duty sergeant, entered the post orderly's room and removed stamps from two letters, one of which was addressed to the Under-Secretary of State for War in London. Admitting the offence, Sgt. Nicholas said in a statement that he had thrown the contents of the envelopes into a waste paper bag.

The defending officer submitted that Sgt. Nicholas was trying to settle debts stacked up by his young wife who was irresponsible in money matters. He said the wife ran up big bills and on one occasion shortly before the offence had a M350 half term when neither she nor Sgt. Nicholas had the money to pay for it.

The defence said Sgt. Nicholas was due for home leave on December 23, but a few days before his ship was due to sail, he received a \$300 grocery bill and another of \$90 from a tailor. He remained behind while his wife sailed for home, it was stated.

Before the sentence was passed, Sgt. Nicholas, who appeared in court in a wheelchair because of a broken leg sustained from a rugby match, said: "Whatever the sentence I will start afresh and try to make a better go of it."—United Press.

## MPs DECIDE TO BACK GERMAN REARMAMENT

London, Feb. 23.

The British Parliamentary Labour Party decided grudgingly tonight to back German rearmament in a Western defence system.

Thus they acknowledged the failure of Russia and the Western powers to come to terms over Germany's future at the Berlin conference.

But the majority of nine in favour of the official resolution supporting the plan was so narrow—113 votes to 104—that it amounted to defeat rather than victory for the Party leadership under Mr. Clement Attlee.

Earlier an amendment put forward by Mr. Aneurin Bevan's left-wingers urging postponement of German rearmament pending further East-West efforts to achieve agreement on Germany was defeated in an even closer vote—by 111 to 109.

The proposal made by the official Socialist leaders was put twice to a crowded, private meeting of Labour members of Parliament, and on a first vote received a majority of two.

On a second vote, the leaders' motion won the day by eight votes. The vote came as the climax of a bitter two-hour clash on the problem of Germany's future.

The leaders' proposal was strenuously resisted by Mr. Bevan's left-wing adherents and other Party elements who desired German rearmament to be stalled until Russia and the Western Allies make further attempts to achieve a unified Germany.

But official leaders, headed by Mr. Clement Attlee, leader of the Opposition, were determined to crystallise Labour's policy on Germany before Wednesday, when the House opens a two-day debate on the Berlin Foreign Ministers' conference.

Mr. Attlee, Mr. Herbert Morrison, his Deputy and former Labour Foreign Secretary, and other members of the Socialist "old guard" made the case for accepting the principle of a Western German contribution to Western defence.

MAIN ARGUMENT The main argument was the failure of the Berlin conference to settle Germany's future nullified by an official resolution passed last year by Labour members opposing German rearmament until further East-West efforts had been made to get a unified Germany.

Tonight's meeting was held in closed doors but it was learned afterwards it showed fully the extent to which Labour opinion is torn and fragmented towards a German issue.

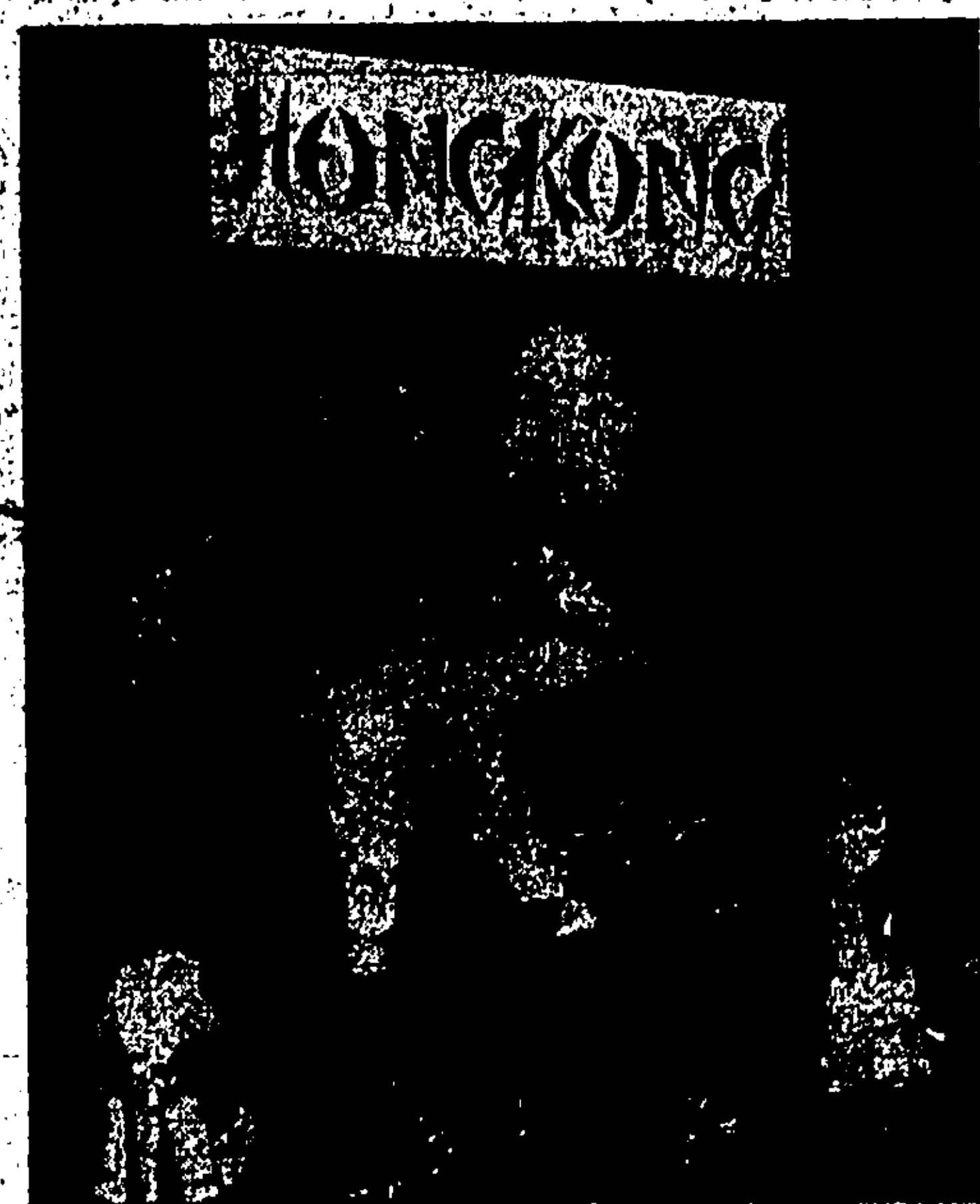
The Bevanite line presented the most clear-cut opposition to the leaders' proposals, but opposition came also from a number of "old guard" members, some "right wingers" and a few pacifists.

One group favoured an agreed settlement on the basis of all-German elections, but with Germany renouncing any part in the European Defence Community.

The right-wing opponent of German rearmament, Mr. Hugh Dalton, was not present at the meeting as he is unwell.

The resolution finally carried reads: "This meeting of the Parliamentary Labour Party recognised that the conditions laid down by the Labour Party for a German contribution to Western defence have now been met; we should, therefore, accept the inclusion of Western Germany in the collective organisation of Western defence, within which German forces could serve without danger to their neighbours."

Another motion, moved by Mr. Harold Wilson, suggesting that the whole question should be postponed, was narrowly defeated.



## Men With Rifle Try To Interview Eisenhower

Palm Springs, Calif., Feb. 23.

Police arrested and took a rifle from two men who attempted to see President Eisenhower here today, but a spokesman denied that there had been a plot against the President's life.

The spokesman, Mr. James Hagerly, Presidential Press Secretary, told reporters about the arrest. But he said there was "no indication at all" that the men had plotted an assassination.

The two men had been charged with vagrancy, he said. It was Mr. Hagerly who said there had been a report of an attempt on the President's life, but then he added: "That is completely inaccurate."

Mr. Hagerly called reporters to a news conference to tell them about the arrest. He said the incident took place in the middle of the afternoon, a few hours before the President was due to leave for Washington by air after a holiday here. Mr. Hagerly said two men, who had been "drinking quite a bit" drove to the gate of Smoke Tree Ranch, where the President and Mrs. Eisenhower have been staying since last Wednesday.

Mr. Hagerly identified the men as Carl Kinsey and John Ortega, an American Indian.

They wanted to see the President, who had just returned to the ranch from a nearby golf course.

### Uranium Miners To Strike

Limoges, France, Feb. 23. Uranium miners working in the French Atomic Energy Commission voted last night to hold a 24-hour strike in the near future to back their demands for a guaranteed minimum wage of 240 francs per week.—United Press.

## Hongkong At The Seattle Trade Fair



More than 20 Hongkong firms are participating in the display of local goods in the Colony's stand at the Seattle Trade Fair. These two pictures have just been received from the Fair by the Governor. Top shows Miss Carol Boelche, a Hongkong girl whose parents live in Conduit Road, and who is studying at the Seattle University, showing toys to children of two leading Chinese citizens in Seattle; and opposite, Mai Mai Chow displays a Hongkong-made doll.

## Disturbing Communiqué

Vatican City, Feb. 23. All Vatican City expressed concern over the communiqué on the health of Pope Pius XII issued today in the Osservatore Romano.

Observers noticed that for the first time, the expression illness was used instead of indisposition. The announcement that the illness was evolving more slowly was taken to mean that the improvement previously mentioned had stopped. The age of the Pope (80) and the fact that he had been fed artificially for about a month was also pointed out with concern by all Vatican circles.—France-Press.

### "NOT OF INTEREST"

London, Feb. 23. Communist regimes in Hungary, Czechoslovakia and Poland have forbidden the spreading of news about the Pope's health, claiming it is of "no interest to the working class," Vatican Radio said today.

Post Offices behind the "Iron Curtain" will not accept telegrams to the Pope and letters sent to the Catholic clergy are being censored by the Communists, the broadcast said.

Even in Yugoslavia Cardinal Stepinac was not allowed to send a telegram to the Pope, the Radio added.—Reuter.

## Fence Thrown Around Town

Kuala Lumpur, Feb. 23.

Britain's anti-terrorist forces have thrown a fence around the 20,000 population, gold-mining town of Raub to stop disloyal citizens giving food to local terrorists.

Rigid food restrictions have been imposed in the town and a house curfew from midnight till 6 a.m. is in force.

Malay police and home guards patrols are on 24-hour duty at road blocks.

All last week's surrender leaflets were dropped in the surrounding jungle.

Of the 16 Political Committee chairmen known in the district, three have been killed and four have surrendered.

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# RUSSIA OFFERS AID TO ASIA

He's The "King Of Cowboys"



Here is Roy Rogers, the film star "King of the Cowboys", photographed with his wife, Dale Evans "Queen of the West" in traditional cowboy costume on their arrival at London airport recently. They are on a variety tour which opened in Glasgow last week.—Central Press.

# 30,000 Young Gangs Believed Operating In USA

Juvenile crime, always a serious problem in the United States, has become the nation's gravest social problem. Authorities estimate that no fewer than 30,000 young gangs create disturbances and set up reigns of terror, according to report from New York.

Police in many areas admit that they are almost helpless in their efforts to check the growing menace.

Even the Federal Government, who normally do not concern themselves with crime because it is considered a state or town problem, are watching the situation with concern.

## SCHOOLS SCHEME

One proposal believed to be under consideration is to set up schools throughout the country for underprivileged or irresponsible children.

These institutions, it is reported, could accommodate 100,000 youths considered in need of immediate preventive treatment, and would be similar to the Boys Town institution.

M. Guingoin was charged with having participated with 14 other persons in a meeting in 1945, which resulted in the murder of the peasant couple.

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# Sweeping Promises At Recent ECAFE Meeting

Moscow, Feb. 23.

Soviet newspapers have been spotlighting Russia's declared willingness to give technical assistance to the under-developed countries of Asia.

Prominence was given to reports of a meeting of the Industry and Trade Committee of the United Nations Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East (ECAFE), at which the Soviet delegate announced sweeping promises to give advice and study facilities to Asian countries.

Asian specialists were invited to Russia to study production of iron and steel mills, the production and use of brown coal, and electrification and hydro-electric techniques.

The Soviet press contrasted these promises with the charge that "developed capitalist countries such as the United States and Britain were not at all interested in the industrial development of Asia and the Far East."

Russia's entry into the United Nations technical assistance field followed announcements indicating that the Soviet Union had already embarked on an extensive "aid" programme for China and other Communist countries, under which Soviet experts and blueprints will be made available for development projects.

Soviet readiness to receive Asians at Soviet factories also followed a visit to Moscow by Dr. Huiji Kien-tse, Director of the United Nations Technical Assistance Administration, who came here in January to discuss a Soviet offer of 1,000,000 dollars (about £330,000 sterling) for United Nations aid funds.

An announcement is expected shortly on the results of Dr. Kien-tse's one-week mission as the personal representative of M. Dag Hammarskjöld, United Nations Secretary-General.

## RUSSIAN OFFERS

Soviet delegate E. M. Volkov told the United Nations Economic Commission meeting in Kandy, Ceylon, that Russian offers to Asia were proposed within the framework of United Nations technical aid funds. They were:

1. Advanced Soviet technical experience in ferrous metallurgy might be "extremely valuable to a number of countries of Asia and the Far East which are faced with the task of building up their own iron and steel industry." The Soviet Government was ready to consider requests by Asian countries to send specialists to Russia to study production and technical equipment of iron and steel mills.

2. Russia would also consider arranging a visit by Asian experts to study Soviet production and utilisation of brown coal (lignite).

3. Russia was ready to give Asian and Far Eastern countries technical assistance in the use of their water and fuel resources for electrification of agriculture.

4. Russia would consider Asian requests to send specialists to the Soviet Union to study methods of constructing and operating electric stations. The Soviet delegate declared that the Soviet Union and the East European Communist countries could export industrial and transport equipment and agricultural machinery to Asia and would at the same time "ensure a stable and adequate market for the conditional export goods of the Asian and Far Eastern countries."—China Mail Special.

# Gestapo Chiefs Accused Of War Crimes

Paris, Feb. 23.

The reading of the 300-odd pages indictment against former Gestapo chiefs in Paris. Karl Oberg and Helmut Knochen, was continued in the Paris military court, when their trial was resumed today.

The two men did not blink when some of the worst crimes of which they stand accused, tortures, death, and deportation of thousands of French resistance workers including the first underground President of the National Council of the Resistance, Jean Moulin, were recalled.

After a long legal argument, the court rejected a request from Oberg, who claimed he did not understand French, although he was said to have spoken it fluently.

This morning, the French Cabinet had authorised the prosecution to call the Deputy Premier, M. Paul Reynaud, as witness. Mr. Reynaud was deported to Germany during the occupation.—France-Press.

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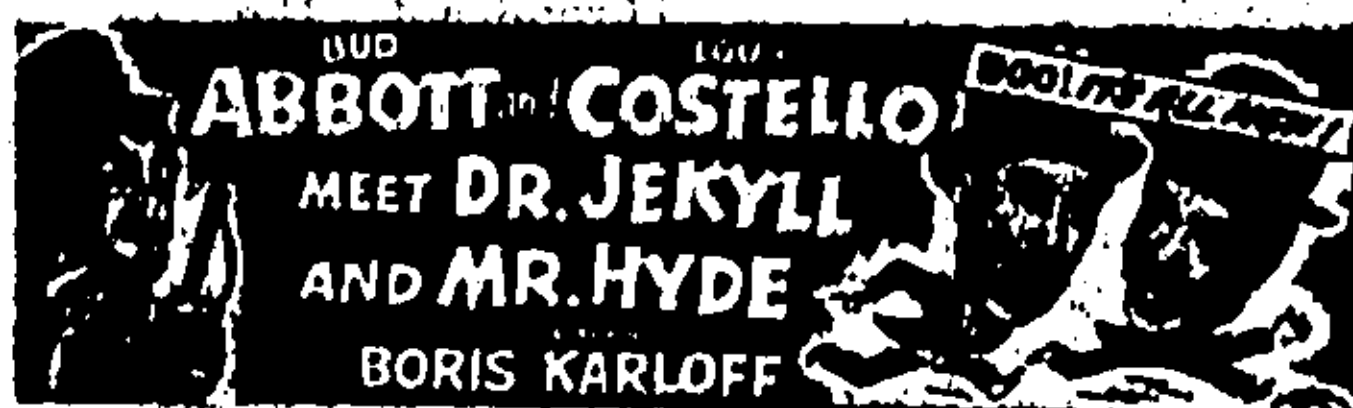


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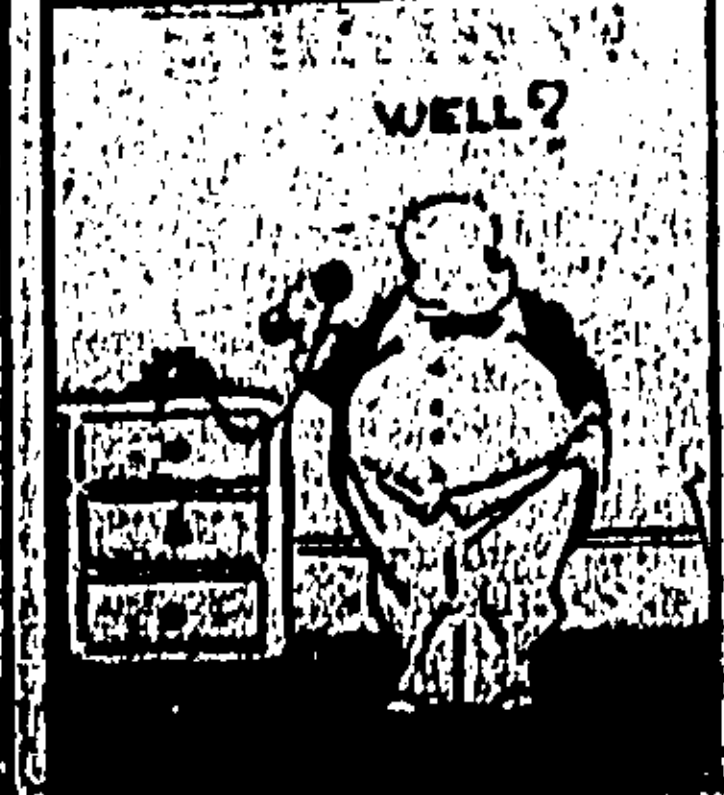
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# BRITAIN'S SECRET PLAN TO HELP FRANCE

## Associations With Proposed European Army

Paris, Feb. 23.

The French and British Governments have unofficially agreed to keep secret the details of British association with the future European Army until just before the French Parliament is ready to vote on ratification of the EDC, it was learned in usually well-informed quarters today.

Officials explained that premature disclosure might result in destructive criticism by treaty foes. The British plan was designed to create a favourable impression among members of the French Assembly and encourage them to vote for ratification.

In French Parliamentary quarters, this psychological shock plan was regarded as something of a damp squib. All information from London to date shows that Britain would not surrender her unqualified right to withdraw her troops from the Continent whenever she thought that necessary, and would in no way accept the control of the supranational authority of the European Army.

The French think that in the circumstances, Britain's association with EDC is insufficient to prevent German domination inside the European Army organisation.

Treaty critics are prepared for some attractive sounding of new formulas, but do not believe there will be any substance in them. Thus they expect that Britain will announce her willingness to "integrate" the command of her troops on the Continent with the command of the European Army, but of course, only for as long as the British Government sees fit to keep these troops in Europe.

They also think there will be a promise to "have full prior consultation" with the EDC authorities or NATO before withdrawing troops from the Continent, but point out that "full prior consultation" is only a way of doing exactly what you like in a polite manner.

Meanwhile, they recall the fact that France is asked to bind herself to abandon full control of her armies for 50 years, while Germany, if unified, would again have her hands free.

### TREMENDOUS INTEREST

Gaullist Deputy Diemede Catroux told Reuters tonight: "I have read with tremendous interest the Daily Mirror's demand for Britain to join EDC. The Mirror is quite right. The only satisfactory form of British association is for her to sign the treaty in the same way as the other six nations have done."

"It is nice of the British Government to try to help some of the French Parliamentarians get over their scruples about voting for ratification, but unless Britain comes in on full terms, we propose to do

everything we can to keep France out too."

The French Foreign Minister M. Georges Bidault, told Cabinet this morning he did not consider ratification of the EDC should wait until the outcome of the five-power conference in Geneva.

But the Cabinet did not discuss any date for the ratification debate.

### POSTPONEMENT LIKELY

The real decision lies in the hands of the National Assembly. The latter is more than likely to postpone the debate until after the Geneva talks have ended.

The Foreign Affairs and Defence Commissions of the Assembly will normally take two months to discuss the treaty before it is ready for a general debate. Furthermore, the agenda of the Assembly is very full until Easter and it would require a special effort of the treaty protagonists to get the Assembly to find time for a debate before then.

The Assembly is much more interested in the chances of peace in Indo-China. It was decided today to start a debate on Nehru's proposal for an armistice in Indo-China. This means that the whole Indo-China question will be debated at length, probably for many days.

M. Bidault reportedly assured the Cabinet that Mr. Molotov had agreed that in Geneva, Korea and Indo-China would be discussed at the same time.—Reuters.

## Plans To Watch Eclipse Of The Sun

Special tests have been made on the type of aircraft which will be used by 60 British astronomers to watch the eclipse of the sun in Sweden on June 30, according to reports from London.

As the observers crowd to one side of the aeroplanes to watch the eclipse, the pilot will fly with that side banked up, giving a two and a half-minute view.

All passengers will see the eclipse in comfort.

Mr C. A. G. Bearpark, member of the British Astronomical Association, who has helped to arrange the trip, said: "There will be about 180 going by sea and about 60 by air to Gothenburg."

### TWO WOMEN

"The party will include two women, one of whom is a well-known amateur astronomer."

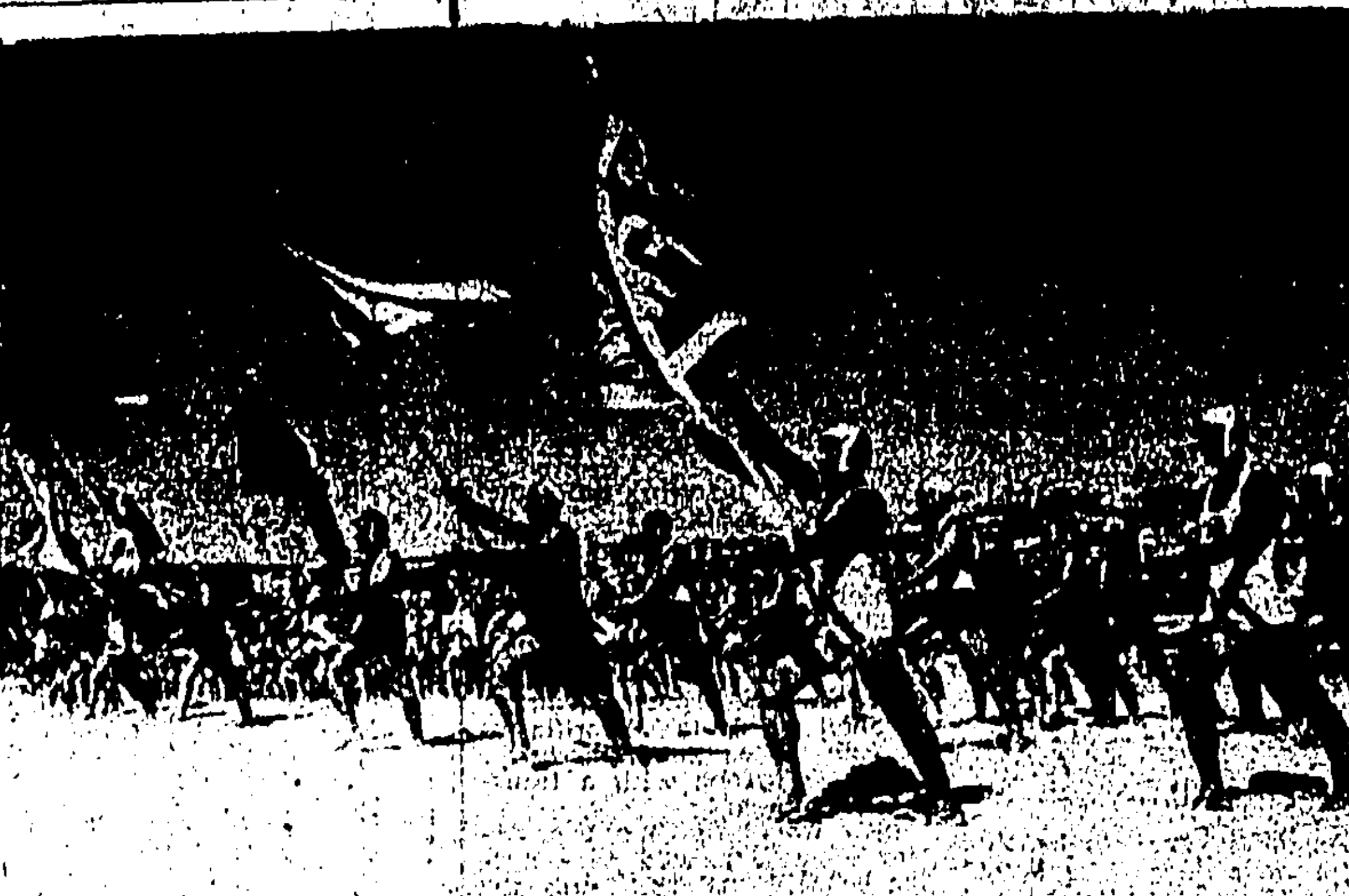
The trip is practically booked up. But there are still some vacancies for the aircraft. We have been reassigning them to amateur and professional astronomers but if there are any vacancies unfilled we may offer them to the public."

Mr Bearpark emphasised that it will not be a joy ride but a serious scientific expedition.

Although it would not be possible to do any serious scientific recording on the aeroplanes during the eclipse, for which a special hour's flight from Gothenburg, above the clouds has been arranged, reports would be distributed after the eclipse.

## PLAN

## This Is What The Queen Saw At Bondi



Surf life-savers march up to the Queen's dais during the royal visit to Bondi Beach, Sydney. This was the highlight of the surf carnival, in which the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh, sitting amid a vast concourse of people in summer clothes, were so interested that they overstayed their time.—Express Photo.

### "Let's Counteract Russian Propaganda"

## US Senator Wants To Drop Food Into Soviet Satellites From Balloons

Washington, Feb. 23.

Senator Paul H. Douglas today proposed a \$2,000,000 "balloon offensive" to carry messages and packets of surplus food across the Iron Curtain into the Russian satellites.

## Remains Of "Ape-like Ancestors" Found

More evidence for one of the claimants to the title of man's oldest and most ape-like ancestor has come from a limestone deposit near a place called Potgietersrus in the Central Transvaal.

It is based on the discovery of a female lower jaw of Australopithecus Promethus—a creature whose existence is based on the disputed suggestion that this southern ape-man may have been the first to use fire.

Professor Raymond Dart, of the University of Witwatersrand, who has reported the discovery, in the current issue of "Nature," says the relic is unique, as the only one so far known with a set of incisor, canine, pre-molar and molar teeth which have not been warped or dislocated by the processes of fossilisation.

Unfortunately about a third of the jaw was blasted away before it was picked up last year on a limestone dump by Mr Alan Hughes, a senior technician in the anatomy department at Witwatersrand.

However, the jaw-arch or dental arcade of the remainder shows the characteristic human curve, and is not oblong or ape-like. Most palaeontologists here seem to be enthusiastic and confident about the importance of the find.

**USED FIRE?** Whether Promethus used fire or not the jaw he left behind has strengthened the numerous if not entirely well-connected links between modern races of Homo Sapiens and the creatures akin to the unspeaking apes of Kenya from which it is assumed they first began to emerge about 25 million years ago in the distant Miocene.

Professor Broom believed that Promethus had many human characteristics. He pointed out that in man the nerves of the nose pass through two bone-like or cartilaginous plates divided by a ridge of bone known as the crista galli. The crista is a human characteristic, scarcely noticeable in the apes. In Promethus it is well developed.

Other fragmentary bones of this species were reconstructed and made and distributed to museums when the first relics were unearthed.

Professor Dart says it is gratifying to record that scarcely two millimetres of alteration is necessary to reconcile the assumed dimensions of the profile with that of the new jaw.

London, Feb. 23. The Minister of State of the Foreign Office, Mr. Selwyn Lloyd, is to represent Great Britain at the opening of the new Rhodesia parliament, which is to take place in Harare on March 1. It was officially announced here today.

Mr. Lloyd will leave London next Saturday by air for Harare, and the plane will be escorted by a large number of Rhodesian troops. He will be accompanied by a large number of Rhodesian troops.

The Illinois Democrat prepared a resolution which would authorise the Secretary of State to carry on such a campaign.

Mr. Douglas commented that food made available to East Germans in Berlin's Western zone resulted in "one of the worst beatings Communism has taken."

He said the feasibility of sending balloons into the satellite countries was proved several years ago.

"The Communists do not pass up any effective propaganda weapon in carrying on their war against free governments, and I do not see why we should not use any means available to counteract them."

Mr. Douglas' resolution would authorize \$2,000,000 to finance the campaign, using surplus agricultural commodities held by other agencies.—United Press.

## Russia Ready To Meet Atomic War

Moscow, Feb. 23. The Chief of Staff of the Red Army and famous World War II commander, Marshal Vasilii D. Sokolovsky, said today Soviet forces had adopted new techniques to meet the threat of atomic warfare.

(He made no claim that Russia has tactical atomic weapons, it was noted in London.)

His statement in an article on the Government newspaper, Izvestia, was one of many comments marking Red Army Day—the 13th anniversary of the founding of the Soviet Army.

Soviet Army leaders in speeches and newspaper articles emphasised Russia's desire for peace, but at the same time emphasised her preparedness to "meet aggression."—Reuters.

## The First To Cross Cook Straits In A Canoe

A former Tottenham schoolboy, Mr Basil McCoward, 30, thinks he may be the first Englishman to have crossed the Cook Straits, between North and South Island, New Zealand, by canoe.

His parents, Mr and Mrs G. McCoward, of The Drive, Bounds Green, think so, anyhow. Basil is an engineer working for the New Zealand Government.

He took the front seat in a two-man canoe 17½ long and 3½ wide, in a journey some 20 miles long.

These Straits are renowned for their turbulent waters and for heavy fog.

The Straits are named after Captain Cook. On the day he sailed into the Straits, he was met by a large number of Maori canoes. He was so impressed by the Maori that he named the Straits after them.

### Official's View

## "US Warnings Should Deter Further Chinese Aggression"

Chicago, Feb. 23.

The United States Under-Secretary of State, Mr. Walter Bedell Smith, made these points in a speech to the Chicago World Trade conference:—

- The Berlin talks had proved that Soviet Russia had not changed its basic world strategy.
- The conference however had "closed gaps in Western unity."
- "The Chinese leaders could not contemplate further aggressive moves" following American warnings to their leaders.
- The military situation in Indo-China is favourable.

Mr Smith described the Berlin discussions as a Western victory which had healed policy rifts between the United States, Britain and France, and had exposed Soviet policy since the death of Stalin as a continuation of its strategy to extend Communist power wherever possible.

He said the United States had no intention of changing its view that it recognised the existence of the Chinese Communists "simply as the malevolent force that had been fighting and trying to destroy our own existence."

Mr Smith reiterated the warning by the Secretary of State, Mr. John Foster Dulles, that if new aggression broke out in Korea and Indo-China, the result would be "grave consequences" which might not be confined to these areas.

"The Chinese leaders cannot now contemplate further aggressive moves in either area with the assurance that their maximum risk is limited to such casualties as may be sustained by their so-called volunteers," he added.

"This should deter any aggressive adventures by the Chinese Communists."

### OPTIMISTIC

Mr Smith said he was optimistic that the French plan for deterring the Communists in Indo-China would be successful and he described as "greatly exaggerated" the reports of extensive desertions by Vietnamese troops.

"We do not give enough credit to the French for what they have done in Indo-China," Mr Smith added.

He said that it was not surprising there was considerable sentiment in France for a negotiated settlement, but he praised the French Government for being able to resist this pressure.

"It has been sustained by the support of those who know that France's prestige as a world power is at stake and who recognise France's responsibility to her Allies of the free world."

### DULLES REPORT

Mr Smith said Mr. Dulles is reporting to Congress today and will report to the nation tomorrow (Wednesday) on Berlin. "I do not want to anticipate this full report, but I can say the conference nevertheless achieved a major advance in international politics."

Mr Smith said when the focus of East-West discussions centred on the Orient, they touched an area where there remain some sharp divisions of policy among the free nations, "both in our own country and abroad."

"The discussions in Berlin led to agreement on a political conference to unite Korea."

"Link Korea and Indo-China because they are both areas where Communist aggression has resorted to force to gain its objectives."

"If it fails... at Geneva, it would expose Communist intention even more clearly."

"We are withdrawing two American divisions from Korea but this will not reduce United Nations combat power in Korea because the American divisions will be replaced by two new Korean divisions. At the same time, our mobile naval, air and amphibious forces are being further developed."

"The difference is in the emphasis on national forces for national defence."

"The military situation in Indo-China is favourable. Contrary to some reports, the recent advances made by the Vietnamese are largely real estate operations."

"They undoubtedly had some effect on the Vietnamese and Laotian people and they are no help to the French," he said, but "tactically the French position is solid and the officers seem confident of their ability to deal with the situation."

### SOME HEADWAY

On the political and psychological fronts, "despite the advantage with which our enemies usually start in struggles of this sort, we have been making some headway," he added.

"It is essential that the Vietnamese people and the people of Laos and Cambodia as well be convinced that they are fighting for their own freedom, not for colonialism," Mr Smith said.

"Very soon representatives of the Governments of Vietnam and of France meet in Paris to draw up the treaty, which will complete Vietnamese independence. A similar treaty has already been signed with Laos and one is in prospect for Cambodia."

"I think that the signing of these treaties, of independence should convince the people of the Associated States that the French Union forces are the forces of freedom."—Reuters.

## 'Reactionaries' Hamper Czech Output

Vienna, Feb. 23.

Czechoslovak President Antonin Zapotocky said today the authorities had only partly succeeded in preventing sabotage attempts by Czechoslovak and foreign "reactionaries."

Speaking of economic problems before officials of the National Front, President Zapotocky said the "activities of Western capitalist 'reactionaries'" had made it difficult to fulfil last year's production plan.

"However there are no indications of a crisis as the foreign press continuously alleges," Zapotocky said, according to Prague Radio.

He said the coal output was still insufficient and could not meet the demand.

Czechoslovak's hard coal output in 1953 was 20,341,000 tons compared with 16,672,000 in 1952. The soft coal output had increased from 17,406,000 tons in 1952 to 32,762,000 in 1953.

Yet, he said, there was a serious coal shortage and traffic had had to be curtailed. Industrial plants to be closed down and the use of electricity to be rationed.—Reuters.

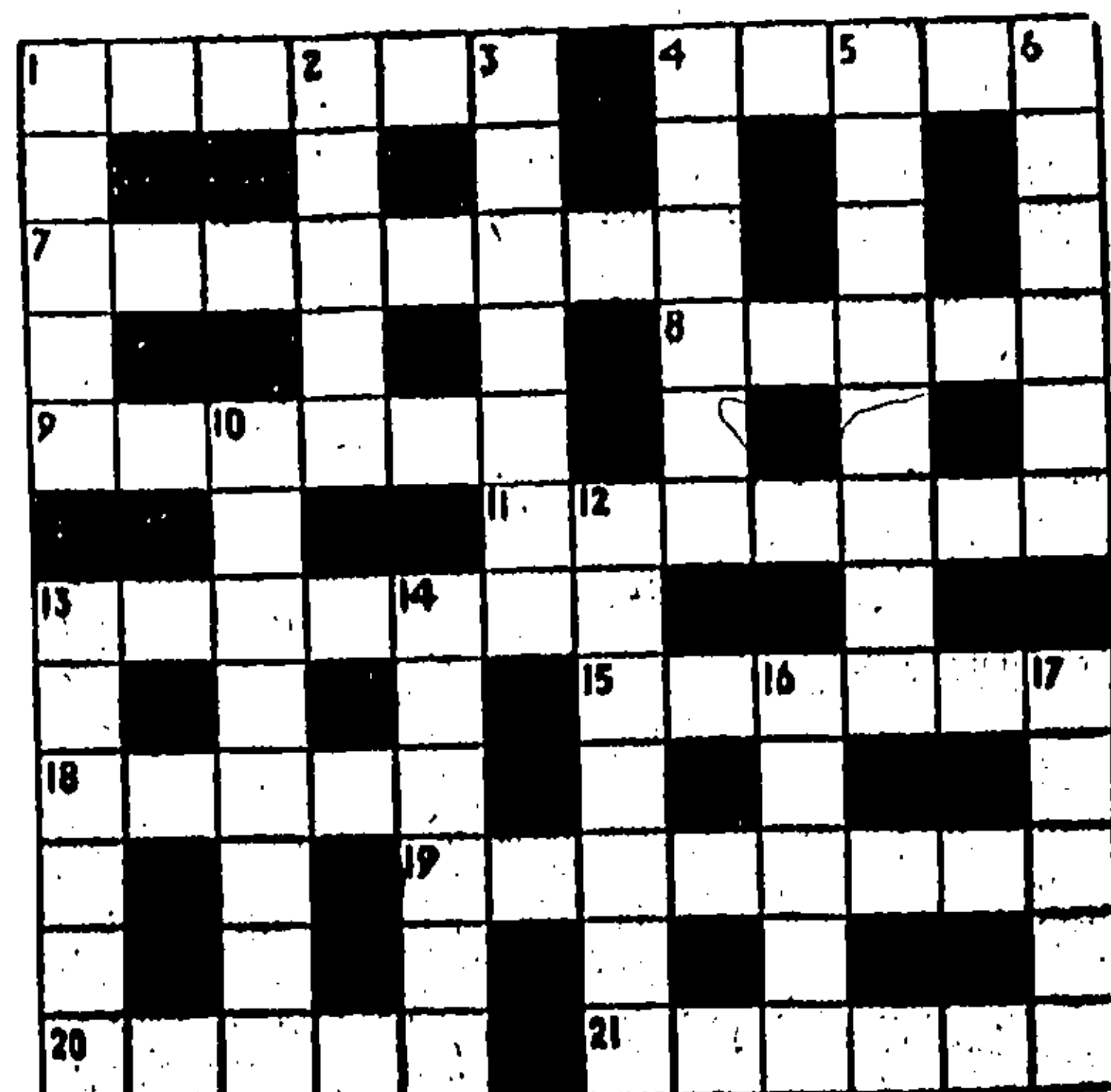
## German Police Arrest Disturbers

Berlin, Feb. 23.

West German Police today arrested six men and a woman for distributing Communist leaflets calling Dr. Konrad Adenauer, West German Chancellor, a "second Hitler" outside a factory in the French sector.

Rockets showered down similar leaflets on thousands of West Berliners going to hear Dr. Adenauer speak at a mass rally—the rockets were fired from nearby railway lines and stations in East Germany.—Reuters.

## A British Crossword Puzzle



### ACROSS

- 1 Negligent (6).
- 4 Trick (5).
- 7 Decree (5).
- 8 Coalition (5).
- 9 Unruffled (6).
- 11 Keeps (7).
- 13 Strongholds (7).
- 14 Mortgage (6).
- 15 Apartments (5).
- 16 Ghosts (5).
- 20 Unity of heart (5).
- 21 Turbidity (6).

### DOWN

- 1 Cheats (5).
- 2 Angry (5).
- 3 Earnest (7).
- 4 Subtract (6).
- 5 Exact (5).
- 6 Happenings (6).
- 10 Answer (5).
- 12 Values highly (7).
- 13 Floor covering (6).
- 14 Lingo (6).
- 16 Proportion (5).
- 17 Savoury (5).

**YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD:** Across: 1 Fair, 4 Advance, 6 Emile, 9 Club, 10 Replenish, 11 Area, 12 Edith, 14 Treasurer, 15 Deter, 16 Prawns, 22 Echelon, 23 Arid, 27 Term, 28 Arid, 29 Bait, 30 Evil, 31 Fortune, 32 Earl, Down: 1 Ailments, 2 Aloud, 3 Rebuke, 4 Alred, 5 Dumbly, 6 Atlas, 7 Cocks, 12 Edna, 13 Edna, 15 Scar, 16 Band, 18 Pattern, 20 Fumble, 21 Winter, 23 Cargo, 24 Bold, 25 News.

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## NATHANIEL GUBBINS

**I**N The Sparrow's Nest The Sparrow and his wife were sitting on either side of their tiny fireplace reading little bits of newspaper they had picked out of a local dust-bin.

"Oh, what a smashing type he must be," said The Sparrow's wife, her heady eyes bright with excitement. "I could kiss him, I could really."

"What has come poor devil down to deserve that?" asked The Sparrow.

"Haven't you read about the American robin who has flown the Atlantic?" asked his wife. "I wonder what made him do it?"

"Perhaps Senator Joe McCarthy was after him for un-American activities," said The Sparrow.

"You don't have to be silly about serious things," said his wife. "The paper says he had a high wind blowing up his tail all the way. Wasn't that lucky?"

"I don't know," said The Sparrow. "Perhaps he couldn't slow himself."

"His wife must be ever so proud of him. I wonder what she's thinking at this very minute?"

"I wouldn't know," said The Sparrow. "But the could be another reason for his flight."

"Oh, what an awful thing to say. Fancy flying the Atlantic to get away from your wife."

"Staying with her might have been worse," said The Sparrow. "Breeding death alone, -hour after hour," said his wife.

"Better than braving imbecile conversation alone year after year," said The Sparrow. "But suppose he had been drowned?"

"Quicker than being suffocated by me," said The Sparrow. "Or frozen stiff," said his wife with a little quiver in her voice.

"More merciful than being bored stiff."

"You're jealous," said his wife. "That's what you are."

"I am," said The Sparrow, rising from his little armchair. "Three thousand miles is a comfortable distance."

"Where are you going?" asked his wife, a tear starting in her eye.

"Out," said The Sparrow. "You're not going to fly the Atlantic? Please don't do that."

please," said his wife, the tear rolling down her cheek.

"I might," said The Sparrow. "If the prevailing Atlantic winds were from East to West."

There was a loud bang as he left home and landed in less than a minute in The Other Sparrow's Nest. The Other Sparrow, in a spider's web negligee, was putting the finishing touches of lipstick to her cheek.

"That you breaking the sound barrier?" she asked.

"Who else?" asked The Sparrow. "I'd break the light barrier for you. Do you know what's on my mind?"

"With a mind like yours it's a cinch," said The Other Sparrow. "Have a drink first."

"Shall we fly the Atlantic together?" asked The Sparrow.

"What's wrong with a trans-Atlantic plane?"

"We would fly into the setting sun, with the wild seas raging beneath us and only the wings of love to bear us through storm and tempest to a safe harbour."

"For me," said The Other Sparrow. "I would prefer the wings of an aircraft. How's the wife?"

"O.K.," said The Sparrow. "You win. I'll have a drink."

**Good Luck, Gilbert**

**A**S Gilbert Harding is off on a sea voyage next month, and as I have gathered from occasional encounters with him that he also finds bores unbearable, I wonder if he would like to know how I went into action against these pests the last time I crossed the Atlantic?

Since you can't leave a ship at sea, unless the bores drive you to suicide, the only certain way of avoiding them is to stay in bed. But as staying in bed won't do Gilbert's health any good, he will have to get up and face them before the trip is over.

For a few days he will be able to avoid them because bores are recognizable at a distance. They are the people who are up early in the morning tramping the deck, filling their lungs with ozone, asking the crew silly questions, and trying to organise deck games. They are known by their bright, eager, gleaming, friendly, and passionate for useless information.

When Gilbert is finally cornered it will be no use trying to drive them away with glares or sharp answers. Bore never take offence and never understand sarcasm.

Therefore, when they try to interest him in passing ships, asking what kind of ships they are, their gross tonnage, displacement or dead weight, their nationality and possible destination, he can use my standard reply, which is as follows:

"Not only do I know the gross tonnage, displacement and dead weight of that ship but I can also see its name at a distance of five miles with the naked eye. Built at Barkling Creek in 1921 it is called The Jolly Fanny Adams and is bound for Porto Bello with a cargo of old salted botoms which the natives of that district eat with relish, believing them to be the kind of smoked salmon they serve in the tourist class."

"The captain's name is Harold Brickett, a big old sea dog who has a kind heart, beneath an extremely rough exterior. He is in love with a beautiful Chinese stowaway called Mee O Mee, who is a Communist agent for the North Korean navy. Little does he know that there is a time bomb in the hold and that the ill-fated crew will never reach Porto Bello."

If this sort of thing doesn't chase them off a back-to-the-wall method is to pretend you are a cardsharp.

Take out a pack of cards and say to the bore, "Ever seen marked cards? If diamonds are a girl's best friend these are the best friends of a crook like me."

The bore will spruce up, story round the ship. The next time you want to be alone ask in a loud voice, "Would anybody care for a game of bridge?"

## Hollywood Juniors Follow Father

From EVELYN IRONS

**H**OLLYWOOD calls them "Juniors." They are the sons of film actors who are following in their fathers' footsteps. And a tour of the studios shows that there are plenty of them.

Now being featured in a film with Maurice Chevalier is Noah Beery, Junior, son of the big man of the silent screen. He acted at the age of four. Now he is ranked among the top stars of the screen.



"We're not letting Mr. Molotov be overwhelmed by cheering crowds of enthusiastic East Germans — like Queen Elizabeth and the enthusiastic Australians..."

London Express Service

### REPORT ON THE ATOM.....FIFTH DAY

# BOMB STOCKPILE STAVED OFF WAR

By Gordon Dean

Chairman, U.S. Atomic Energy Commission, 1950-53

**A**T the end of the long, bustling atomic energy production line, with its far-flung exploration parties, remote mines, futuristic plants, and booming construction activity, lie the secret locations where our national stockpile of atomic weapons is stored. These weapons are the end product. They are what all the activity is about and what the production line is for.

There has probably been more talk about atomic weapons than about any other phase of atomic energy. Yet there is probably less real understanding of what atomic weapons are, what they can do, and how they affect us, than there is about any other part of the atomic energy programme.

### Contradictions

It is not unusual to hear such contradictory comments as the following:

"The atom bomb is the most horrible and deadliest weapon ever devised by man. It's awful for us to go on making them."

"The A-bomb doesn't amount to much; why, those soldiers out in Nevada were right up beside an explosion and weren't hurt at all. They were laughing when it was over."

"Did you see where the atomic energy people blew up a whole island in the Pacific? Why, they wiped it right off the map!"

"Atom bombs are bad all right, but if you live a couple of miles from the nearest target, you'll be okay."

"The Russians are ever decide to let go on us with A-bombs, there won't be a thing we can do except clobber them back. Civil defence is just a waste of time."

### The Explosions

Some of the misunderstanding about atomic weapons is probably due to the small amount of experience the public has had with them. Fortunately, none has ever been exploded in the United States except under controlled test conditions. Of the at least forty-nine that have been detonated in various parts of the world, only six have been connected with the atomic energy programme or armed services of the United States, Great Britain, or the Soviet Union. Here is a chronology of the atomic explosions that have taken place throughout the world up to the time of this writing:

1945: Total of 3, all by the U.S. at Alamogordo, Hiroshima, and Nagasaki.

1946: Total of 2, both by the U.S. at Bikini Atoll in the Pacific.

1947: None.

1948: Total of 3, all by the U.S. at Eniwetok Atoll in the Pacific.

1949: Total of 1, by the U.S.S.R., "somewhere in the Soviet Union."

1951: Total of 18, including 12 by the U.S. in Nevada, 4 by the U.S. at Eniwetok, 2 by the U.S.S.R.

1952: Total of at least 11, including 8 by the U.S. in Nevada, at least 2 by the U.S. at Eniwetok, 1 by the British at Monte Bello Island, Australia.

1953, up to July 1: Total of 11, all by the U.S. in Nevada.

### Two For War

Of all these, only the ones at Hiroshima and Nagasaki in 1945, the two at Bikini in 1946, and one each in the 1952 and 1953 series in Nevada have been seen relatively close up by un-biased observers. This is not unfortunately, a very broad base upon which to build an accurate public understanding of atomic weapons and their capabilities. There will be more "open" shots, and there should be.

To date, two atomic bombs and only two have been used as weapons of war. They were used, not as so-called "tactical" weapons, against troops in the field, but as strategic weapons, against the power of an uncommitted international community.

### Bad Side

It is generally accepted as a fact that there was a direct relationship between these two events, and I am one of those who believe this to be true. I believe this, not because the destruction wrought by the atomic explosions at Hiroshima and Nagasaki was so great as to cripple the Japanese war machine at the point where it could no longer continue to fight, but rather because the United States had demonstrated that it possessed an awesome destructive new weapon and was capable of using it.

Perhaps if the Japanese government had known the exact size of our stockpile in August 1945 (after the attacks it was virtually non-existent), they would not have surrendered short of an invasion. But they did surrender. This fact, I feel, has ever since had a direct bearing on the way in which atomic bombs have been viewed, not only by the peoples of the world, but also by a good many of the world's military strategists and diplomats, including some of our own.

The Japanese surrender, then, found the United States in the uniquely favourable position of being the sole possessor of a weapon that was almost universally credited with a capacity to destroy cities on a ratio of one bomb per city, and to end wars on a ratio of two bombs per war.

It is an interesting and, I think, complimentary comment on the character of the American people that our principal reaction to this turn of events was one of acute embarrassment.

Many spokesmen for the American scientific community stated quite candidly that this was a terrible, grave misadventure about the role they had played in unleashing this terrible new force upon the world.

The atomic bomb was often called "the absolute weapon," "the forerunner of Armageddon," and "the ultimate of Ends itself." Many of our most eminent clergymen and civic leaders openly questioned the morality of using such an obviously horrible weapon, and by an unprecedented vote of the United States Congress, the

United Nations a plan whereby we should give up the atomic bomb and place atomic energy under international control.

By these means, with the best intentions in the world, we proceeded to augment the impression, already created by Hiroshima and Nagasaki, that here was a weapon that was worse than all other weapons and somehow worse than war itself.

Meanwhile, in the absence of international control, and with the realization that the distasteful atomic bomb still constituted a bulwark against the aggressive designs of Soviet Communism, we proceeded to develop bigger and better bombs, and build up a stockpile of them ready for use by our strategic air forces if the occasion arose. With the demobilisation of our military forces in Europe, the Far East, and at home, this stockpile, paradoxically, became the most important single factor in our strategic defence planning.

All of this had both good and bad effects. On the bad side, I would say, was the fact that we succeeded admirably—aided by eager Russian propagandists—in working ourselves into a position where the most important single ingredient in our defence arsenal was tucked away where it couldn't be taken out, except under the most extreme conditions, without a good deal of soul-searching at home and a loss in our reputation for morality abroad.

No one appreciated this situation more than the Russians. By means of it, they were given a much greater freedom of action in the postwar world than they would otherwise have enjoyed. They were, because of the wraps in which our bombs were kept, and our general weakness in other areas, free to create a seemingly endless series of what, from our point of view, were serious, but nonetheless sub-critical, situations which did not involve for the Russians the risk of atomic obliteration, but yet had an excellent chance of redounding to their benefit.

On the good side was the fact—and I am among those who firmly believe it is a fact—that our atomic monopoly and our stockpile of bombs for strategic use was a deterrent to the Russians in that it made our possible, or at least foolhardy, for them to commit the irrevocable act that would bring on all-out war. They tried to do just about everything they could get away with short of bringing on all-out war. Our atomic stockpile, therefore, probably more than anything else, brought the free world safely through the postwar years when we were woefully weak in conventional arms.

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(Continued on page 5)

## WHITEAWAYS ECONOMY DAYS

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## JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Ruffing Opening Lead Is Allowed

By OSWALD JACOBY

"Oswald's leap to six hearts was a sensational, but not too bold," writes J. C. Stadden in describing today's play. Stadden, a Seattle expert, is one of the best analysts in America.

West's overall in South's void cut must have encouraged the belief that North had some high cards which would fit nicely with declarer's holding. If this ace of clubs were evaluated for the spade ace or for the diamond king, the slam would be a cinch.

What led the king of clubs. Prospects for success are not bright. The ace of spades must be lost, and a successful finesse of the spade ten will point only one diamond.

After some time declarer played a small club from dummy and called for the king of clubs. When it came out a trump, and it was time out for some reflection.

Declarer then led the six of spades. After some thought West played low. Dummy's queen won the trick and the spade king was discarded on the ace of clubs.

NORTH 21  
♦ Q 10 7 5  
♥ Q 9 8 3  
♦ J 7  
♠ A 8 5

WEST EAST  
♦ A 8 4 3 ♦ J 9 2  
♥ None ♥ K 6 2  
♦ Q 10 8 3 ♦ K 6 2  
♠ K Q J 10 5 ♠ 9 7 6 4 2

SOUTH (D)  
♦ K 6  
♥ A K J 10 8 7 4  
♦ A 8 5 4  
♠ None

Both sides: Vol  
South West North East  
1 ♠ 2 ♣ 2 ♠ Pass  
6 ♣ Pass Pass Pass  
Opening lead: 6 ♣

Declarer's two heart diamonds were ruffed to dummy. The queen of clubs was then played. The king of clubs was then played. The king of clubs was then played.

The point about ruffing the opening lead is that it is a very good way to get the king of clubs. It is a very good way to get the king of clubs.

**TODAY'S QUESTION**  
The bidding is the same as in the question just given. What is the best opening bid for South?

**WHAT'S HIS LINE?**  
DR. JAGO HARPER  
Rearrange the letters to spell his occupation.  
(Solution on Page 10)

**• BY • THE • WAY •**  
by Beachcomber

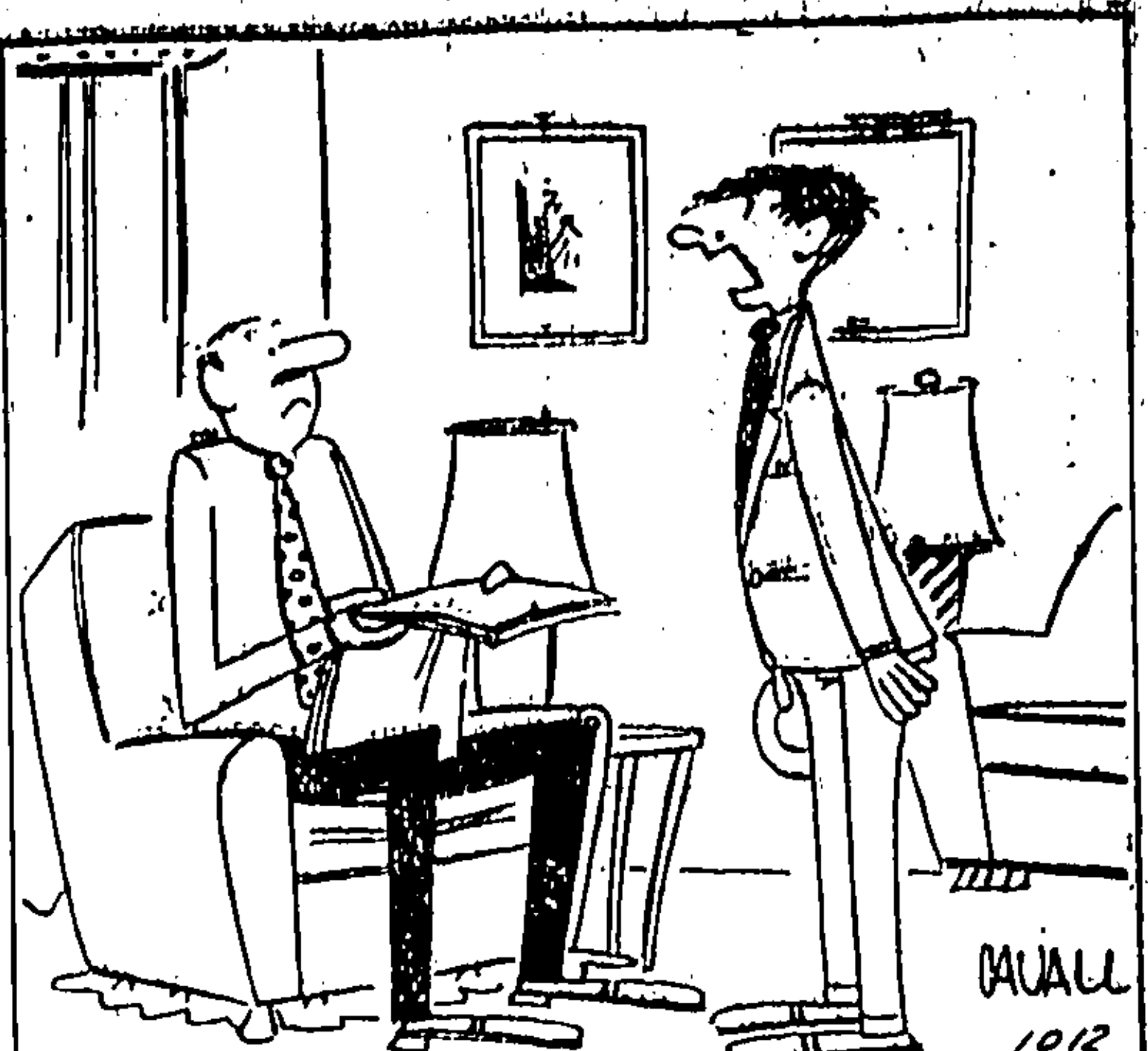
A MODEL of the ballet "Swan Lake" in cold mutton, at the Catering Exhibition, is said to have staggered "a chef who had cooked for the Czar of Russia." I can well believe it.

My own entry was a dummy copy of "Dan Quixote" in carry. A chef who had cooked for Alfonso XIII ate it shortly after the Selection Committee had rejected it.

Rhoda wants to know  
"Rhoda, a first-class soldier said Poulencough. 'Bav a good deal of him in Libya.'"

**DUMB-BELLS**  
I TOLD YOU WE'D BE LATE NOW, BECAUSE OF THE OTHER EIGHT!

**BEETHOVEN'S NINTH SYMPHONY**  
The first time I heard it, I was in a state of shock.



"I need the car for the same reason you needed the horse and buggy."

## YOUR BIRTHDAY... By STELLA

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24

BORN today, you want most of all to be happy. You will be, if you are contented with the lot you have. You will be, if you are contented with the lot you have.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25  
PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20)  
New friends can open new horizons and give you a fresh interest in life.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19)  
It is better to be a relative who is a little bit of a nuisance than to be a stranger who is a great deal of a nuisance.

Taurus (Apr. 20-May 20)  
Be tactful today if you want to offer help. Some of your friends will be extremely eager to accept your assistance.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)  
Better to take things in your own hands than to let them go. You will find that you can do more for yourself than you can for others.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)  
Don't be betrayed into making a decision by impulse. Think over every thing you attempt very carefully.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)  
You must learn to be patient, even in the face of some unpleasantness. The consolation when you set your mind on a goal is to be patient.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)  
The stars indicate that you will have a very successful day. You will have a very successful day.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)  
Emotional influences could prove to be very harmful. So act with caution and control all the time.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)  
If you want to attract the attention of the boss, be sure that you accomplish it in some favourable manner.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)  
Those whom you love may make demands upon your time. Be gracious in giving them your very best help.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)  
This is a splendid day to make an important decision. Take your time; plan carefully.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)  
Conservative action is best. Conserve your energies for more significant matters to come soon.

**Chess Problem**  
By P. R. THOMPSON  
Black, 3 pieces.  
White, 4 pieces.  
Solution to yesterday's problem: 1. Q-K7, any; 2. Q, B, or K mates.

**The revolving hat**  
A MRS. MARCHANT, wife of a meteorologist, suggests, in a leading article, a new idea for the sale of a mill. It would have tiny projections which would revolve on still days. She says: "Would it not be a pretty sight to see a hat revolving on a street?"

**Food note**  
A POT of jam, when analyzed, turned out to be "pulp" preserved in sulphur dioxide. A strawberry jam usually contains either the pulp of strawberries or the pulp of raspberries. The pulp of raspberries is a very good food.



Across:  
1. This kind of shot was used in the war. (5)  
2. Talk with a woe. (4)  
3. You certainly know if you walk like this. (4)  
4. There's bound to be one if you find a winner. (5)  
5. Sheep from Lower. (4)  
6. A cucumber may have one, or a snooker table. (5)  
7. This kind of dresser is not always seen in the kitchen. (5)  
8. Not quite as sinister as a plot. (4)  
9. Peter Haggard wrote about her. (5)  
10. Atom ones are items of world renown. (5)  
11. A rope makes a Paris landmark at Covent Garden. (4)  
12. You may do this if you get hung. (4)  
13. A long, though life is short. (5)  
14. See this, and you make a mistake. (5)  
15. Maybe this court meets in your town. (5)  
16. Fire ones may help a poor show. (5)  
Down:  
1. Worn ledge for a Welsh rebel. (5)  
2. (10) of beans seems to be worth very little. (5)  
3. Imitate an animal. (3)  
4. Present tense. (4)  
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**SOLUTION TO CHECK YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE**  
WILLY TOAD PLANS A VOYAGE  
The Only Thing He Lacks is a Boat

By MAX TRELL  
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News About Willy  
"Glad I found you home," said Chirpie. "Something strange is going on over at the place where Willy Toad lives. I thought you like to know about it."

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# WOMANSENSE

## Put On Cheerful Working Clothes And Give Your Spirit A Lift!

By HAZEL MEYRICK

ARE you one of those people always caught napping when doing the housework? You're just settled down to clearing out a cupboard when you see the rubicund form of the Vicar, or Mrs Whatsit from over the road, advancing up the front path.

Striped Tunic  
To cheer yourself up when you're doing the chores, wear a striped tunic over your clothes for a change. It's a straight strip of wide fabric with a hole in the centre for the neckline, and a girle round the waist.

Household Hints  
When it's housecleaning time, don't neglect door hinges, knobs, brass, light switch plates and other hardware. Once cleaned, keep them attractive longer by giving them a thin application of clear shellac.

IT'S SPOTS AND STRIPES FOR SPRING  
It's spots and stripes for spring in Paris. Here a Jacques Fath mannequin wears yards of spotted tulle swathed around a little black satin bust hat. The stripes are her "sleeve stripes" bracelets. She wears seven of these, slipped over a black-gloved arm.

Household Hints  
Before painting or drawing on unpainted shelves or drawers with paper or cloth, apply a coating of sand to these surfaces. This will prevent the paint from seeping through the oil paint to mar the finish.

Household Hints  
Before painting lumber with knots in it, apply a preliminary coat of fresh shellac. This will prevent resin and pitch from seeping through the oil paint to mar the finish.

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## ENGLAND v. IRELAND AT TWICKENHAM



D. G. Wilson (England) gets the ball and outpaces his attackers in the match against Ireland at Twickenham which England won by 14 points to 3.

## Pick Insole To Save England Cricket

Says HAROLD MAYES

It's been quite a month for the country which cradled cricket, hasn't it? But I think the item which beats everything else is that, while England's chosen were making us suffer from afar, the MCC, quite seriously, were debating the question of whether or not Brisbane was a satisfactory venue for an Australian Test.

Perhaps it's just as well that they have decided to leave things as they are, because, after the miserable showing so far in West Indies, the Australians, with good reason, might have gone further and said they couldn't have cared less whether an England team visited them or not.

There's an awful lot of stock-taking to be done before another England team visits Australia with a chance, in spite of England being holders of the Ashes.

Let's face it: that one-win-and-four-draws rubber success was gained by accident, and after the happenings in the first two Tests in West Indies you'll have difficulty in trying to convince either West Indians or Australians otherwise. I for one, wouldn't attempt to do so.

What's the way of putting matters straight in English cricket? Well, at international level, the first thing necessary is a knacker.

If we admit that Len Hutton passed his intermediate examination by scraping the Ashes, we

still come to the sorry conclusion that he's failed his finals.

At his job as No. 1 batsman he probably hasn't an equal. The sooner the selectors leave him to do just that the better for everyone. If we're going to have a professional skipper, then the quicker it is realised that Cyril Washbrook is the only man who can do the job effectively the better.

### FIND THE FIGHTERS

If the powers that be decide that the gamble has failed they should get down to the task of finding an amateur, tell him before the Pakistan series begins this season what's expected of him and let him get cracking on the task of moulding a side of fighters.

Give me my pick now, and I'd take Essex skipper Doug Insole, who has that happy knack of combining pleasing personality with essential toughness in the right proportions, as well as being a pretty good cricketer.

Falling him, what's wrong with Trevor Bailey, the one man over a depressing period who can truthfully be said never to have let England down?

Hutton apparently told his players to go in and play their own sweet way in the second innings at Bridgetown.

If that's the case, it proves the point of all the people who have insisted for a long time that he has been exerting his influence, however passively, on all the batsmen who have played for England, so that we have a band of Test cricketers who let the ball hit the bat.

### TWENTY PIECE

In my contention no Test side, unless it gets caught on a Brisbane sticky dog—that place again—should ever get less than 220 runs in an innings, because I believe if 11 cricketers who are supposed to be of Test standard all go in and have a dip they'll average at least 20 runs apiece.

And the majority of people who watch first(?)-class cricket would much prefer that to some of the laborious centuries they've been forced to sit through.

County men have been known to complain that they don't get paid as much as professionals

in the Northern leagues. Don't let them squeal any more about it, for Clyde Walcott and company showed them the reason. And how!

## Philippines Junior Tennis Championships

Manila, Feb. 24.

French Junior Tennis Champion Jean Noel Grinda yesterday scored his first victory in the invitational junior tennis tournament here by trouncing Antonio Regalado 6-0 and 6-1.

Britain's third ranking junior star Michael Davis chalked up his second triumph by beating M. Dunge 6-2, 6-2.

Later, Grinda and Davis teamed up to defeat W. Hernandez and J. Cruz 6-1 and 6-1, in their first doubles appearance.

In today's matches Grinda will play Manda Elizalde while Davis will take on B. Sarangino. Grinda and Davis will also see doubles action against A. Barras and Ventura Gavati.

So far both Grinda and Davis have been playing against non-entities but their real ability, particularly that of the former, will be tested when they come up against Philippine Junior Champion Johnny Jose, who ranks third in the national senior rankings.—France-Press.

## Monte Carlo Rally Winner Confirmed

Monte Carlo, Feb. 23.

Louis Chiron of Monaco, who drove a Lancia, was tonight officially confirmed as winner of the 1934 Monte Carlo Rally which ended a month ago.

The Appeals Committee of the Monaco Automobile Club, which organised the Rally, dismissed protests against the eligibility of Chiron's Italian car.—Reuters.

## 100 Guineas For The Fastest Hundred Of The County Cricket Season

The batsman who scores the fastest hundred in the coming county cricket season will receive more than applause—he'll get 100 guineas. The donors will be a group of English businessmen.

All ardent cricket lovers, they are giving four awards known as the County Cricket Trophies. The prizes are silver trophies plus 100 guineas.

They will be awarded to the batsman making the fastest hundred; the bowler taking the most wickets in an innings—in the event of a tie, averages will decide the winner; other than a wicket-keeper who takes the highest number of catches and wicket-keeper with the highest number of victims.

### BLIND WALKERS

The Annual London to Brighton walk, to be held this year on May 22, will include a number of blind competitors. The Stock Exchange Athletic Club, organisers of the events, have

invited the St. Dunstan walkers to compete. The offer has been accepted and already the blind competitors have started training for the 52 miles walk.

Lewis Jones, the former Welsh Rugby Union star, now playing for Leeds in the Rugby League, has been chosen for the first League tour trial match at Leeds on February 24. The trial is in preparation for the tour of Australasia in the summer. Jones was member of the British Rugby Union team that toured Australia in 1930.

Harry Weetman, Britain's long-driving Ryder Cup golfer, aims to get still more power from his broad shoulders. Practice on the course restricted by bad weather, he has been spending his time wielding an axe chopping logs.

### PGA REJECTS OFFER

The Professional Golfers' Association has rejected a suggestion from America that the Ryder Cup match should be commercially sponsored for the next eight years.

Said a PGA official: "The match is so great that it should

## BADMINTON ASSOCIATION MEETING

At a meeting held at the South China Morning Post, Ltd. Board Room last night, the Hongkong Badminton Association decided to write to the six players from Manila acknowledging their request and granting permission to participate in the Colony Championships.

This was on condition that the players concerned would be responsible for their expenses.

Also discussed were the plans for the playing of the Thomas Cup regional ties, wherein Hongkong will entertain Burma and in the event that the Colony defeats the visitors, will entertain Japan.

The probable venue of the Thomas Cup matches will be either Macpherson Playground in Kowloon or the Southern Playground in Wanchai. Plans are being formulated to permanently block up the apertures of the sports in the former which previously had affected the flight of the shuttle and it was felt that with the alterations, Hongkong will have courts suitable to hold any international games in the future.

Other business under discussion included the purchase of prizes for the various competitions in the Colony, and miscellaneous matters dealing with the preparations for both the Thomas Cup games and local competitions.

Mr. W. B. Brown, Acting President, occupied the chair and the meeting was attended by Messrs R. Young, F. M. Rozario, M. A. Oliver, S. P. Ares, F. Lam, W. F. Foo, P. H. Wong, Zander Tsak, Charles Lam, Chun Koon-kung and J. K. Leighton.

## Hungarians Win Again In Peking

Paris, Feb. 23.

A visiting Hungarian football team defeated the Chinese team 2-1 at a match in Peking, according to a broadcast by Radio Budapest picked up here tonight.

So far, the Hungarian team has won five of the matches played during its six-day stay in Communist China. In Shanghai, the team will play four matches.—France-Press.

### HOME SOCCER

London, Feb. 23. Leicester City beat Swansea Town 4-1 in a Second Division League match today. This match was postponed last Saturday as Leicester were playing in a FA Cup tie.

pay for itself... and gain a handsome profit.

Former Ryder Cup player Horton Smith, the U.S. PGA President, wrote to say that a sponsor could be obtained if the next U.S. v. Britain match—in America next year—was held in June, July or August.

Such a date would clash with British tournaments. As the visiting team has the choice, the PGA will pick an end-of-season date, probably October.—(London Express Service).

## JOHN LANDY IS AGAIN UNLUCKY

Melbourne, Feb. 23.

John Landy, Australia's hope for the four-minute mile, covered the distance in four minutes 2.6 seconds here this evening in spite of a gusty wind.

The wind, blowing at an estimated 15 to 20 miles per hour, was against him in the finishing straight—a handicap which may just have made the difference between success and failure in breaking the world record.

Landy's time was his fourth fastest, his best being four minutes two seconds in December last. It was 1.2 seconds outside the world record held by Gunder Haegg of Sweden.

Landy covered the first half mile in one minute 59 seconds. When he heard his time of three minutes one second for three quarters of a mile, he gathered himself for a magnificent last lap spring, but had to contend with the opposing wind.

He told Reuter afterwards he thought when he breathed the tape that he had beaten Haegg's mark.—Reuter.

## Henricks Swims 100 Yards In 56.2 Seconds

Melbourne, Feb. 23.

Jon Henricks clocked 56.2 seconds, believed the fastest time ever recorded for the distance, in an attempt on his own Australian 100-yard free style swimming record tonight.

He knocked 8/10 second off his Australian record.

Alon Ford (Yale) took 56.4 seconds when capturing the American record for the distance in 1945.—Reuter.

## Jake Tuli Beats Dutchman

London, Feb. 23.

Jake Tuli, South African contender for Yoshio Shirai's world flyweight title, tonight beat Hank Van Der Zee, Dutch Flyweight Champion, in a ten-round international bout here tonight.

The referee stopped the contest at the end of the 8th round because of cuts over the Dutchman's eyes.

Van Der Zee had the better of the first three rounds, but then Tuli really got on top with a strength-sapping series of punches to the body.—Reuter.

## TOMMY ATKINS' Army Sports Parade

The place of honour in the Tommy Atkins' Sports Parade this week goes to the Army Cricketers for winning the premier honours in local League Cricket. The players have shown consistency under varying conditions and their success is a fitting reward for both play and conduct that have been in the best traditions of the game.

Cheering news for the title holders is that the Inter-District matches will now pretty certainly take place at Singapore and an invitation has been received for the local eleven to visit Malaya at the end of April.

Special Army interest was centred on the Army vs. St. Joseph's 1st Division soccer match at the week-end as the Saints included five soldiers in their line-up. Davey (Welsh), Athletic (RASC), Nash Bickford and Swinburn (RA) were in action against their better known military colleagues and all of them turned in very creditable displays, with Davey and Swinburn outstanding.

I commented last week about the noise during rounds at the recent Welsh Regt. HMS Birmingham boxing match at the China Fleet Club. Much discussion has since taken place about the incident and I have been asked to give the official Imperial Services Boxing Association ruling on the matter.

The rule says "When an all-service audience is present the Silence Rule will be enforced. When a mixed audience of service and civilian spectators is present the Silence Rule will be ENFORCED."

There are the facts and that should clear up the matter for all who wrote to me on the subject.

### LOOKING FORWARD

Army Hockey enthusiasts are looking forward with eager anticipation to the Army 'A'-Royal Navy match which takes place at Sookunpo on Sunday. Normal League fixtures have their attraction but there is always something special in inter-services matches, whatever sport is involved, and Hockey in Hongkong is no exception.

Congratulations to the Royal Norfolk on their winning of the Land Forces' Quash Championships. Their players have often played brilliant squash and they are indeed worthy champions.

I hear a whisper that they are also ready to meet all comers at Deck-tennis as two of their present squash team playing together won the ship's competition aboard HMT 'Asturias' on their way out from the United Kingdom.

The Dorset footballers are now out in hot pursuit of the 'double'... the Major Units Knock-Out Competition and the Major Units League Championship. The team is playing well and there is quiet confidence at Set Walk that they can pull off both victories.

Last week I stated that the meeting of the 1st Welsh and the Fijian Regt. rugby teams would take place at Singapore. The match will in fact take place here in Hongkong and, while the venue has not been finally arranged, it is hoped that it will be played at the Police Ground, Boundary Street on March 2nd. This match will arouse much interest and it is certain that a very big crowd will be there to see it.

### TEAM BOXING FINALS

The Land Forces' Team Boxing Championships have now reached the final stage and there is certain to be an abundance of incident and excitement when the fighters of the Dorsets and the King's duke under the ropes on March 2nd at the Church of England Institute at Fanning. This date has not been finally agreed upon, but it is hoped by the organisers that the show will go on as arranged and that boxing will start at 2.30 p.m.

This match should produce some excellent fights and while the powerful team from the King's will start favourites they will certainly not have things all their own way... in fact after seeing the Dorsets' men in action I think that there may be a surprise or two in store for their opponents.

Army athletes have their big moments this week-end when the Major and Minor Units Athletic Team Championships take place at Boundary Street.

Here for the benefit of intending spectators are the time tables for the two meetings—

**MINOR UNIT CHAMPIONSHIPS**  
Friday, February 24  
1030 hrs. Pole Vault.  
1100 " 3 Miles Team.  
1120 " Hammer.  
1150 " Tug-of-War (Semi-finals).  
1200 " 4 x 120x Hurdles.  
1230 " Lunch.  
1240 " Discus.

The following teams have won their way through the area rounds to this meeting:—27 Lt. Bty. RA, HQ 35 Bde, C.P.O., A.A. Workshops. The two teams from Hongkong and Kowloon Area are not known at the time of writing.

The prizes will be presented by Brigadier R.D. Bolton.

**MAJOR UNIT CHAMPIONSHIPS**  
Saturday, February 25  
1030 hrs. Pole Vault.  
1045 " 3 Miles Team.  
1110 " Hammer.  
1200 " 4 x 220x heats.  
1210 " 4 x 120x Hurdles.  
1220 " Tug-of-War Semi-finals.  
1230 " Lunch.  
1400 " Discus.  
1410 " High Jump.  
1410 " 4 x 220x Finals.  
1430 " 4 x 880x.  
1445 " 4 x 110x heats.  
1455 " Long Jump.  
1510 " 4 x 440 heats.  
1520 " Tug-of-War Final.  
1530 " Javelin.  
1545 " 4 x 120x Hurdles (Finals).  
1600 " Weight.  
1605 " 4 x 110x Finals.  
1615 " 1 Mile Team.  
1630 " 4 x 440x Finals.

The following teams have won their way through the area competitions to this meeting:—1 Dorsets, 1 Welch, 1 R. Norfolk, 7 R. Tanks, 14th Fd. Regt. RA, 24th Field Engineers. The two teams from Hongkong and Kowloon area will depend on the results of the area competition which is taking place this afternoon.

Mrs. J. A. Dawson, wife of Col. Dawson, Chairman of the Land Forces Sports Board, will present the prizes at the end of the meeting.

### NOT WITHOUT BENEFITS

From time to time one hears discussion on the effect of military service on the careers of young sportsmen. Two items of news that have come to hand show that in many cases national service has not been without its benefits.

The first item concerns Billy Boston, Rugby League centre from Wigan, who has jumped into the news through his display in the brilliant Royal Signals RU team at Catterick.

So well has Boston been playing that an approach has been made to the military authorities to release him for the forthcoming RL tour of Australia, and to allow him to complete his service when he returns to the U.K. (This is not an original suggestion, as a similar arrangement was made a few years ago for Brian Close the cricketer).

The second example of progress concerns Quixall and Finney, the Sheffield Wednesday footballers who are playing side by side in the Army's brilliant young all-professional side.

The Sheffield management have stated that the players have made tremendous strides by playing together away from the tension and desperation of League football.

One critic forecasts that Quixall and Finney will soon form one of the greatest wings in the game and he attributes their development to the fact that "they have been allowed to make a natural progress in a sphere where playing the game for its own sake is more important than a mad gallop after points."

The semi-finals and finals of the Land Forces' Tug-of-War competitions will take place at the Athletic Meetings on Friday and Saturday. The teams in the Minor Unit Competition are 27 Lt. Bty. RA and AA Workshops who will meet in one semi-final tie, and the winners of the Hongkong & Kowloon Area competition who set a bye into the final.

The teams in the Major Unit Competition are 1 R. Tanks, who will play against the Welch and 30th Fd. Regt. RA, who will meet the 1st Welsh in the final tie. The winners of the Hongkong & Kowloon Area competition will also meet the 1st Welsh in the final tie.

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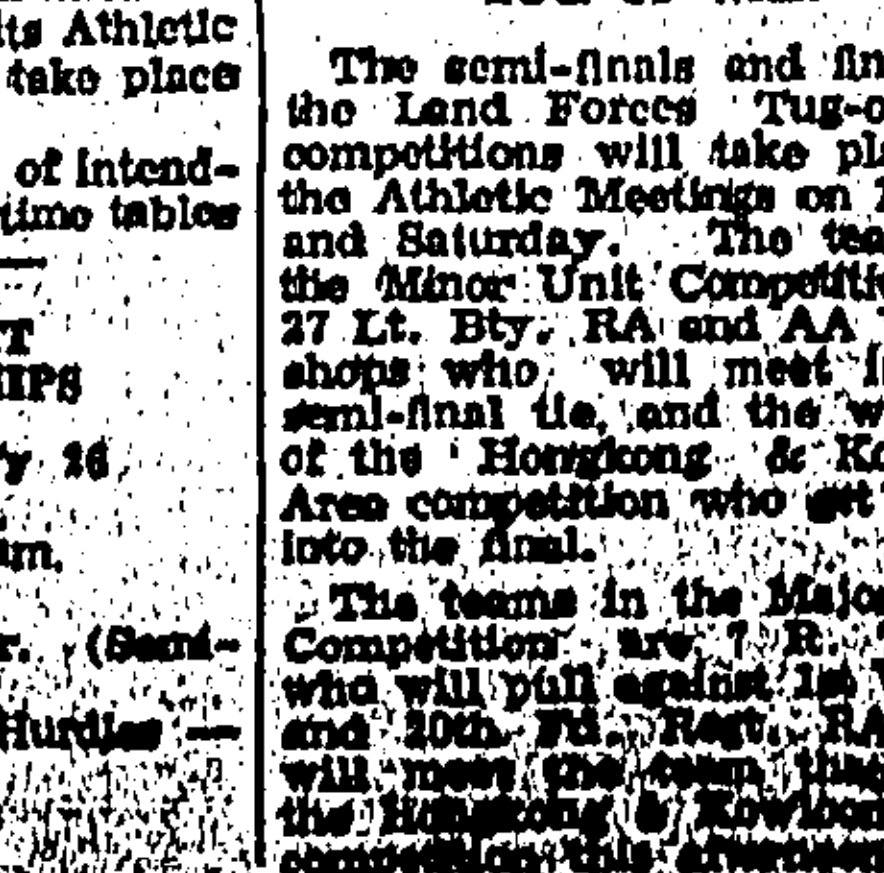
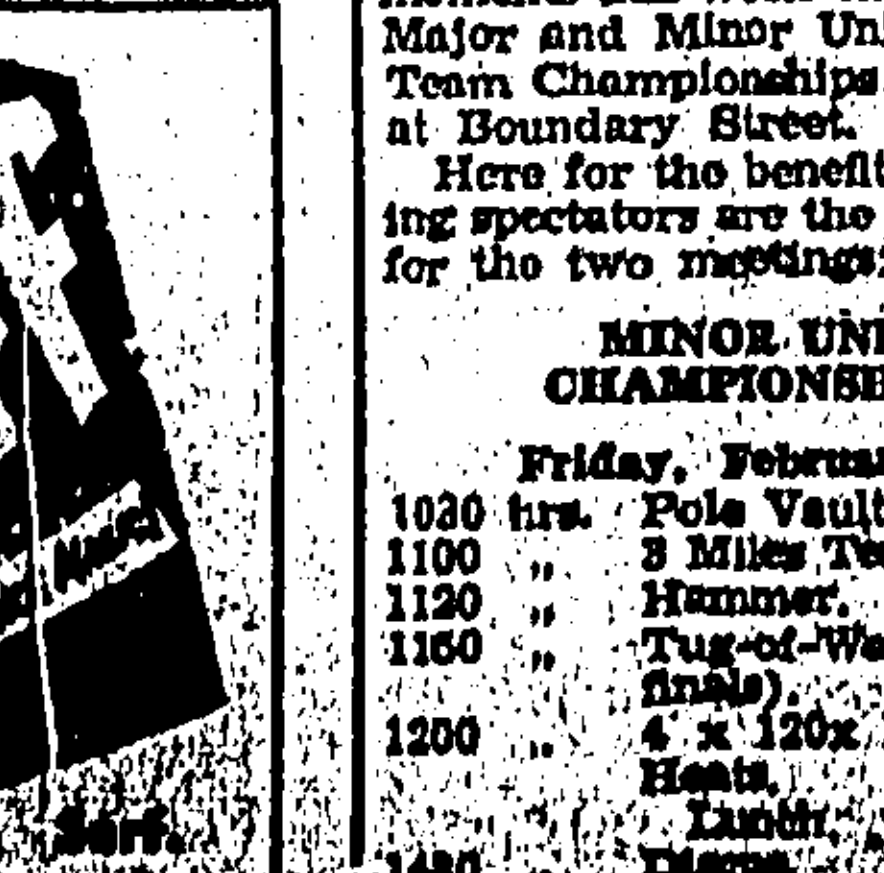
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## THE GAMBOLS





# SOCCER ON THE INSIDE

(Edited by Marshall Fallows)

Joe Kennedy, 26-year-old West Bromwich Albion centre-half and former captain, has asked for a transfer. After losing his place in the first team due to injury, Joe played in the second team. Last Saturday week he was not even included in the reserves. Came the request for a move.

With the Cup and League double in their sights, Albion will not be keen to part, but Kennedy wants to join a club that can give him a regular place in their League side.

After joining Albion as a wing-half, Kennedy was switched to centre-half and was immediately successful. He developed so rapidly that he was strongly tipped for a cup.

Then he lost his place due to injury, and Jimmy Duggdale who played for the Football League at Manchester the

Wednesday before, took his chance so well that Kennedy has been unable to regain his place.

Kennedy joined Albion from Chelsea League club Aldershot in 1948, a bargain buy at £750.

Leeds United approached Brentford about the possible transfer of centre-half Wally

Bragg. Brentford want £15,000. That is too high for Leeds who hoped for an exchange deal.

Hull City have granted the second request of their speedy outside-left, Derek Priestley to be placed on the transfer list.

## FOUR LUMPS

The scene is a railway dining-car. The Torquay players are travelling home from Coventry. Player-manager Eric Webber listens attentively as two girls at an adjoining table talk hockey tactics.

"Just slips of girls," mutters Eric, "but they have a grasp of their game that many hulkish soccer men might envy. 'I'd like to join in—only they might question my authority to speak on defence in depth after hearing we've lost 0-4. What a coach one of them would make.'"

Webber glances at the girls. "Just look at that," he says as one sweetens her coffee with four lumps of sugar.

"Sugar for energy. She knows her game."

And the Old Torquay boss carefully drops four lumps into his own cup.

## NO. 1 UTILITY MAN

George Marks, the Reading and former Arsenal international goalkeeper, must be favourite for the tag of Soccer's No. 1 utility man.

He gives coaching lessons to the young players at Elm Park, plays for the third team in Hampshire League football, and helps Reading Rowing Club with their training.

On Saturday he turned out in the left wing, scored a goal, moved to centre-forward, then finished the game at left back.

Cyril Trigg, Birmingham City full back or centre-forward, who joined the club in 1935, is due for his third benefit next year.

Stratford-on-Avon, who aim to join the Birmingham Combination next season, have offered Trigg the job of player-manager.

But Trigg is waiting till the end of the season before deciding. Chances are that he will complete 20 seasons with Birmingham.

## MORE SETTLED

Sunderland will not let centre-half Ray Daniel go until they have signed a successor. Daniel asked for a transfer last month.

Another Sunderland man, inside-forward Len Shackleton, is more settled. He has now two businesses in Sunderland, and his mother and father are moving into the town, having bought a house.

Following in father's footsteps—Tony Boyes, 18-year-old son of Wally Boyes, the former England international (now manager of Redford Town), who played for Albion in the 1935 Cup Final. Tony is to have a month's trial at the Hawthorns.

Remember Sammy Weaver, the wing-half with the prodigious throw-in who played for Hull City, Newcastle United, and Chelsea?

He has been appointed head groundsman to a firm with a sports ground in South London. Since his playing days ended Weaver has been assistant trainer to Leeds United and trainer-coach to Millwall.

Weaver still plays cricket—he was once on Derbyshire's ground staff, and played two games for Somerset before the war finished first-class cricket—and expects to turn out for the team whose ground he tends.

## THE METHOD

When Millwall right back Alex Jardine scored his fifth penalty of the season last Saturday week, he became joint second in his club's list of League scorers.

Jardine has missed only one spot kick in the last two years. His method? "Hit them hard on the iron stanchion to the right of the goalkeeper."

"Does he practise penalty kicks?" (Never says Jardine. "It's easy enough to practise from the spot on a Sunday morning. Anyone can do it.") Jardine differed from the other match strongmen in that he practises most able penalty kick training.

## KEN SMITH Show Talking

# This Louis Fight WILL Be Staged

Joe Louis, the "Brown Bomber," who reigned as World Heavyweight Champion for longer than any other man, will soon be putting on his boxing gloves again—and in Britain.

But he is not planning a ring comeback. Joe is going on the stage. He signed up to star in *The Square Ring*, under the auspices of John Wildberg and the American Negro Theatre Guild.

A few weeks ago Louis approached Wildberg in New York and said: "If you can make an actor out of me, I'm your boy."

Now Louis is coming to London next month to rehearse with an all-star cast—probably most of the members of the present *Anna Lucasta* company at the London Hippodrome.

## GIRLS ARE INCLUDED

When Ralph Peterson's boxing play was originally presented at the Lyric, Hammersmith, two years ago, it was an all-male production. Then Ealing Studios made a film version which introduced a female element.

Now Peterson, an Australian, and Joel Rioridan, husband of skating-star Belita, have rewritten the play to include female parts.

Present plan is to co-star beautiful negress Isabelle Coolidge, now portraying Anna Lucasta, as the feminine interest to ex-Champion Louis.

The play will have a provincial tour before coming to the West End.

But it is the "It" in Joe Louis's remarks to Wildberg that holds the key to "when" you will see the play.

For Joe is a notoriously shy character, and not given to talking much. The idea of learning a long stage part rather frightens him.

Says Wildberg: "I'll make an actor out of him whether I have to wait a month, six months or a year."

I wish you luck, Mr. Wildberg, but a year and an awfully long time—as well as being an expensive wait.

## EVEREST AGAIN

Hollywood, perhaps a little jealous of the success of Britain's *Conquest of Everest* film (it is picking up awards all over America), are planning an Everest epic of their own.

To be titled *Sabre Tooth*, 20th Century-Fox plan a *Charlie Chaplin* picture with Sherpa Tensing in the cast.

Production is due to start after the monsoon period this autumn. Background footage is already being shot from planes flying over Everest.

Described to me as "an unusual love story with a sort of science-fiction background—it is about a wealthy woman in search of a molar from the extinct sabre-toothed tiger, and her professional assistant—it will probably have Gregory Peck playing the guide and Susan Hayward as the woman."

Any Abominable Snowmen?

## STARDOM AHEAD

Edmund Purdom, the young English actor who supplanted

Mario Lanza in *The Student Prince*, is to get a big lift along the road to stardom.

He is to be teamed with Jane Powell in a romantic comedy, *Athena*; then he becomes a dashing highwayman in *The King's Thief*, originally planned for fellow-Englishman Stewart Granger.

After this he co-stars with Ava Gardner in the Biblical drama *The Prodigal*.

After which, I presume, British studios, who ignored him in the past, will be ready to

offer huge sums for him to film in Britain.

## BET ON BRANDO

Mister Roberts, which has been on the verge of sailing the cinema seas ever since 1948, now seems on the verge of being launched.

Latest news is that in May or June the World War II naval comedy-drama will go before the Warner cameras.

My bet is that Marlon Brando will get up off his psychiatrist's couch in time to play the harassed lieutenant of the title.

# Dead Or Alive

By HENRY LONGHURST

Having recently emerged, like sundry thousands of other golfers, from an enforced hibernation, I come to the conclusion that golf is really a remarkably easy game. All you have to do is to leave it alone for a couple of months and you cannot go wrong.

The first drive—at Porthcawl and in a stiffish wind at that—flew like an arrow up the middle, the second was tossed nonchalantly up within a few feet of the flag, and the only surprise was that the occupants of the club house did not immediately dash out under the impression that it was Cotton.

The still small voice, ever present to prick the balloon of the temporarily inflated golfer, whispers that surely this has happened before. It has, often—and never with more pathetic results than when, in an interval from being taught to drive an Army truck by a young fellow who had been born in the year when I took out my first driving licence, I managed to squeeze in nine holes at the North Shore club at Blackpool.

## CARELESS RAPTURE

Here, with six borrowed clubs and attired in collarless Army shirt and the kind of plimsolls in which manufacturers of golf shoes could prove it impossible to play at all, I sailed round in 34 against a par of 36—and at once sent for my own clubs.

The very sight of them dispelled the first of my rapture and filled the mind with all the hints, tips, secrets, and other mental bric-a-brac by which one's game had been cluttered up in more leisurely days.

I never again did better than 41, and it was almost a relief to be posted to a frozen barrack square at Salghon, near Chester—perhaps the most admirably named camp in the second world war.

Once, years and years ago as it seems, I ventured to write a book on how to play golf—or,

to do myself, justice, how I thought the great golfers played golf.

As an alibi (and will purists please not write to the Editor as I claim the word to have now passed into the language in this erroneous sense) I started the various chapters with expert opinions which cancelled each other out.

Thus—Harry Vardon: "I am convinced that there is no such thing as a straight left arm...." Alfred Padgham: "Neither at the address, nor at the top of the swing, is my left arm without a slight curve...." Bobby Jones: "I play a straight left arm on all full shots from the time the club has started back until the ball has gone...." Gene Sarazen: "Without the straight left arm it is well-nigh impossible, etc...."

Out of all the confusion there emerged one conclusion which has hardened into a certainty—namely that for all the great golfers of all time the hands are what Vardon called the "chief point of concentration."

You may do this with your left hip or that with your right, finger-nail, but the only link between your mind, which initiates the business, and the club head, which finishes it off, is your hands.

Sarazen, to my mind the ideal model of golfing simplicity, confirmed this. "The great player plays golf with his hands," I remember him saying. "The average player tries to play with his head. He is thinking of 50 different things. His brain bothers him. It is congested with ideas."

Can anyone, on watching Cotton, doubt that his hands lead and the rest follows? Or, to quote the redoubtable Sam Snead, on some of his pupils, "I can't help but think that if some of them tried to bring a fork up to their mouths the way they try to take a club on the back swing, they would starve to death."

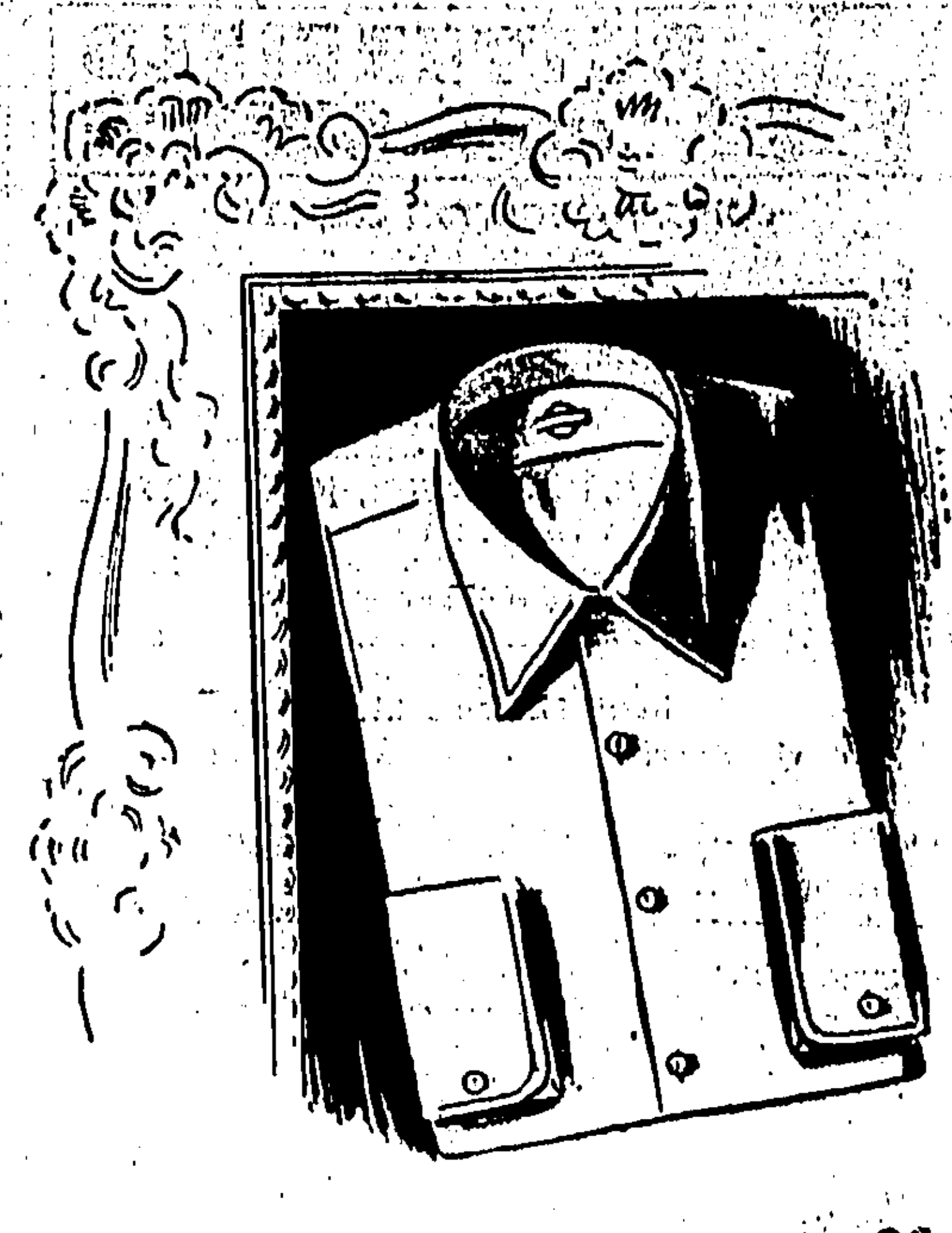
## NORMAL MEDIOCRITY

This simple theme is surely the answer to why you scintillate after a long absence and then, as the brain begins to intrude, sink invariably back to the normal mediocrity.

Your hands look after the grip (how many knuckles showing? Not the slightest idea), your hands look after the stance—"You're getting in your own way again," Mr. Longhurst, I seem to hear dear old Fred Robson saying—your hands, if you let them, look after everything.

Or so I thought, until I read of an American professional taking a lesson from "a man of such thundering power and startling scoring ability that he is ranked near the all-time top." And what was the great man's secret?

After two columns of the usual passive verbs and turgid nouns, I was told in two words: "Dead hands." And the great man's name was Sam Snead. A very remarkable man, I am sure, but I have never seen him play. The only picture I have seen of him is a photograph of him standing next to a golf bag.



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# FOUR-MINUTE MILE AT IBROX PARK ON JUNE 12?

By "MAC"

The athletic dream of the years has been that some day, somewhere, somebody will run a mile in four minutes.

Now the experts are betting that it will be done this summer in Britain. And the place and date they name as most likely—Ibrox Park, Glasgow, on June 12.

This optimism comes from the decision of Australian crack John Landy to race the American Wes Santee and Mal Whitfield, the likely to join in a four-minute bid at the Glasgow Police Sports.

Landy, Bonister and Santee have, among them, run six different mile races in less than 4 mins. 3 secs. in the past year. Whitfield, world half-mile record holder in 1 min. 48.6 secs., is now stamina-training with the sole object of doing a four-minute mile.

Whitfield would probably be pace-setter for the first half-mile (1 min. 10 secs.). Landy would lead the three-quarter mark (2:59), and the four of them would go flat out for a 59 sec. last quarter. That adds up to a mile in 3 mins. 58 secs.

## THE MOMENT

The moment Eddie Carson has been waiting for since he was a youngster of 29 arrives on Wednesday, Feb. 24, somewhere around nine in the evening, in the Kelvin Hall, Glasgow. There he meets Peter Keenan in the ring for the first time—with the Carson-Bantamweight Championship of Scotland at stake. And it is all but three years since Eddie of Edinburgh first dined Keenan to trade punches for the title—just after the Glasgow boy had beaten Denny O'Sullivan for the British crown.

# TEAMS FOR GEORGETOWN TEST MATCH

Georgetown, Feb. 23.

John Wardle, 31-year-old Yorkshire slow left-arm bowler will make his first Test appearance of the tour for England in the third Test against the West Indies which begins here tomorrow.

The inclusion of Wardle, who replaces Charles Palmer, is the only change from the side which played in the first Test. The team is Hutton (captain), Bailey, Graveney, Watson, Lock, Compton, Evans, Slater, May, Trueman and Wardle.

Wardle took nine wickets for 150 runs in the MCC match against British Guiana here last week.

The pitch at the Bourda Oval here is one of the best in the world. It does not wear at all so the only real advantage in winning the toss is psychological.

Painadeau was dropped from the West Indies side today because of a damaged hand. His absence means that Robert Christiani, captain of British Guiana, will make his first appearance in the series.

The West Indies team is: Stollmeyer (captain), Worrell, Walcott, Weekes, Holt, Valentine, Ramadhin, Atkins, McWall, Gomez, and Christiani.

West Indies won the first two matches in the five-match series—China Mail Special.

# Yankees Sell Vic Raschi

St. Petersburg, Florida, Feb. 23.

The New York Yankees today sold Vic Raschi, a star right-handed pitcher who finished his fifth consecutive World Championship, to the St. Louis Cardinals in a surprise "waiver" deal.

Raschi, who had been holding out for a higher salary, was sold for a sum estimated at more than \$100,000, and some minor league players to be determined later.

In order to complete the deal, Raschi had to be waived out of the American League. National League clubs which finished lower than the Cardinals in the 1953 pennant race also had to waive on him—United Press.

# Floodlit Soccer

London, Feb. 23.

Results of friendly soccer matches played tonight by floodlight were:

Rochele 3, Third Lanark 1. Crystal Palace 4, F. C. Wilm (Austria) 3.—United Press.



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	Sails	Arrives
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O. "PATROCLUS"	Sailed	25th Mar.
S. "ALCINOUS"	10th Feb.	2nd Apr.
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Sixty-First Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Company's Registered Office, 4th Floor, P. & O. Building, on Thursday, the 18th day of March, 1954, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving and considering the Reports of the Directors and of the Auditors and the Profit and Loss Account for the year ended 31st December, 1953, and the Balance Sheet as at that date and for the election of Directors and the appointment of Auditors.

The Register of Transfers of the Company will be closed from Saturday, the 6th day of March, to Thursday, the 18th day of March, 1954, both days inclusive.

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The Annual General Meeting of the Hong Kong Society for the Protection of Children will be held in the Board Room of the South China Morning Post Ltd., at 5.30 p.m. on Thursday, 25th February, 1954.

All members are earnestly requested to be present and an invitation is cordially extended to members of the public interested in Child Welfare.

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## CIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES

Hongkong, 22nd February, 1954.

# Germany Vies With UK In Shipbuilding

London, Feb. 24. Germany ousted Japan as the world's second largest shipbuilder in 1953 and is now challenging Britain for top place, according to Lloyd's annual summary of merchant ship launchings, published here today.

The world output for the year continued its steady postwar rise. The total of 5,085,084 gross tons (4,359,370 tons in 1952) was, except for the war period, the highest figure recorded since 1920. More than 1,140 ships were launched.

Britain remained the biggest builder launching 1,317,463 tons—an increase of 14,915 tons over the previous year. But her share of total world output declined to 25.9 per cent.

In the number of vessels launched—220 last year compared with 254 in 1952—she took second place to Germany.

German production rose by 298,049 tons to a total of 818,221 tons (244 ships)—giving her 16.1 per cent of the world output.

Ship launchings in Japan during 1953 fell off by over 50,000 tons to 557,339 tons (10.0 per cent of the world figure) though the number of vessels rose by 24 to 110.

Japan was the only major shipbuilding nation where production dropped.

The United States held fourth place as a world shipbuilder with a total output of 828,307 tons (10.4 per cent of the world tonnage) representing an increase of 7,782 tons. Ships launched numbered 88. Sweden ranked fifth with a record figure of 494,022 tons.

The total 9.5 per cent of the world tonnage showed a rise of 3,273 tons over 1952.

The Netherlands also achieved her highest ever ship production, launching 341,313 tons—45,408 tons more than in 1952.

Italian and French ship yards ranked seventh and eighth in the production register both reached record tonnage totals.

Italy doubled her output to 262,512 tons—5.2 per cent of world launchings in 1953. Total tonnage of vessels constructed in France rose by 22,504 tons to 235,108 tons (4.6 per cent of world figures)—Reuter.

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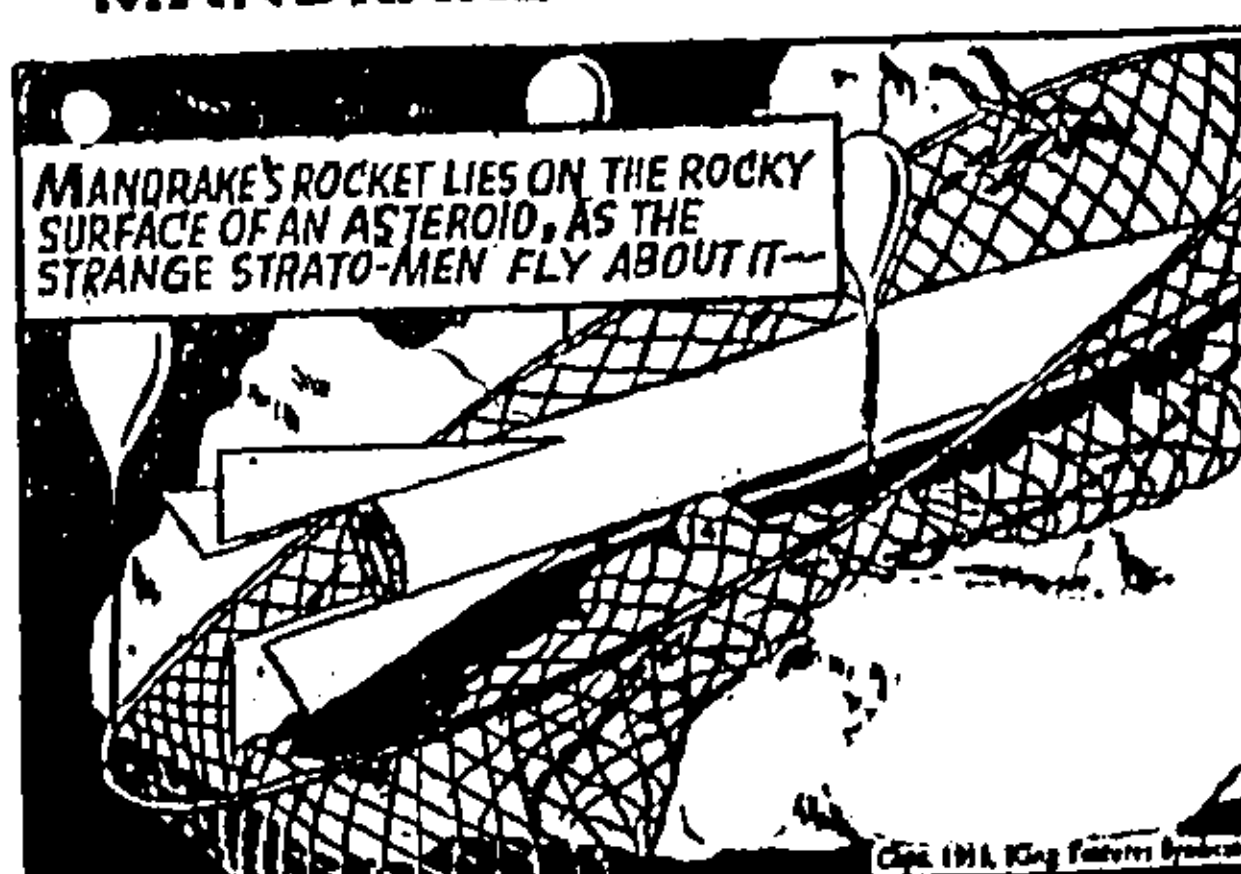
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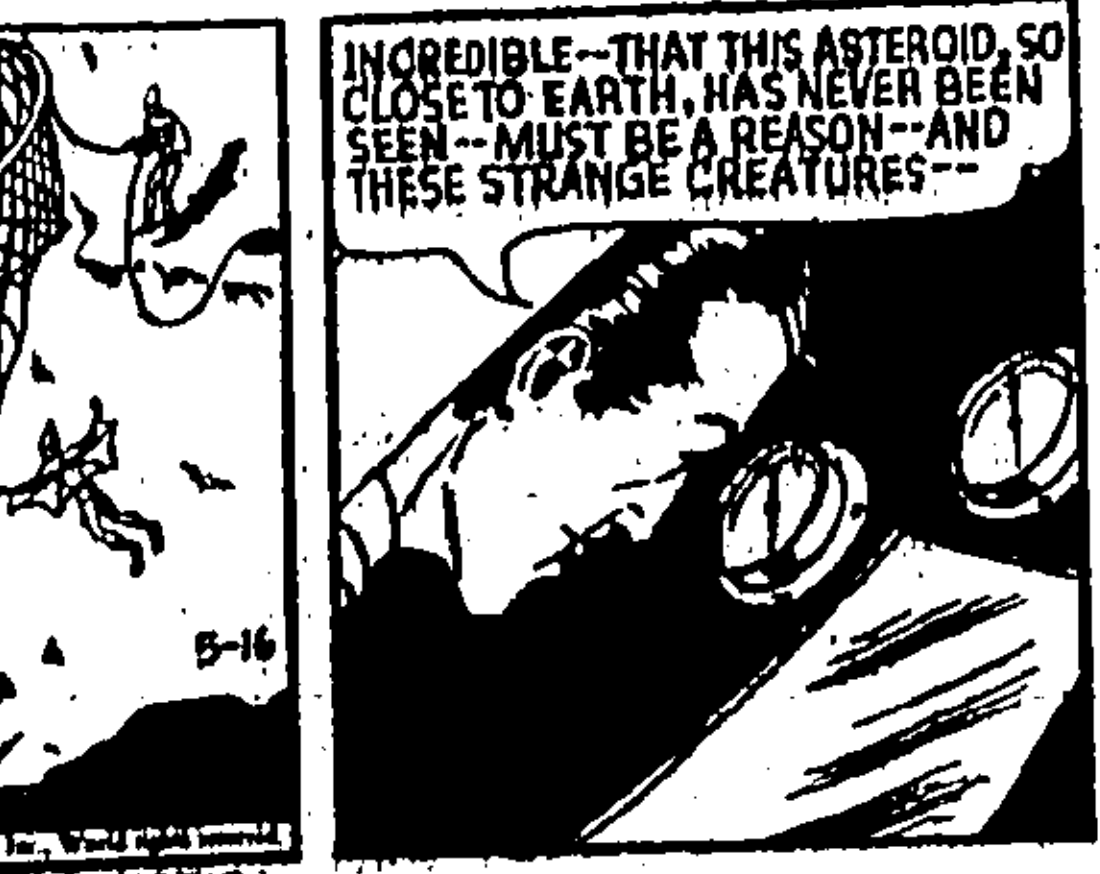
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The agenda for the conference consists of 28 topics, covering juridical-political affairs, economic affairs, social affairs, cultural affairs and organizational and functional affairs.

The Latin American Republics are interested especially in the economic aspects of the agenda in which the United States will be their target. This is because of their desire for greater assistance from their northern neighbor in developing their economy, at least partly with public loans, and their hopes for assistance that will bring the United States to pay for their raw materials will be sufficiently high, preferably guaranteed, so that they will have the dollars with which to buy manufactured products they need from that country.

But many of them, especially Argentina and Guatemala, also are interested in the colonial question, a topic on which the United States is somewhat touchy.

While the Washington Government has insisted it in no way supports colonialism, it feels a strictly inter-American meeting such as the Caracas conference is not the place to discuss it because of its European overtones.

Besides, the United States is a close ally of the four European colonial powers, Great Britain, France, the Netherlands and Denmark.

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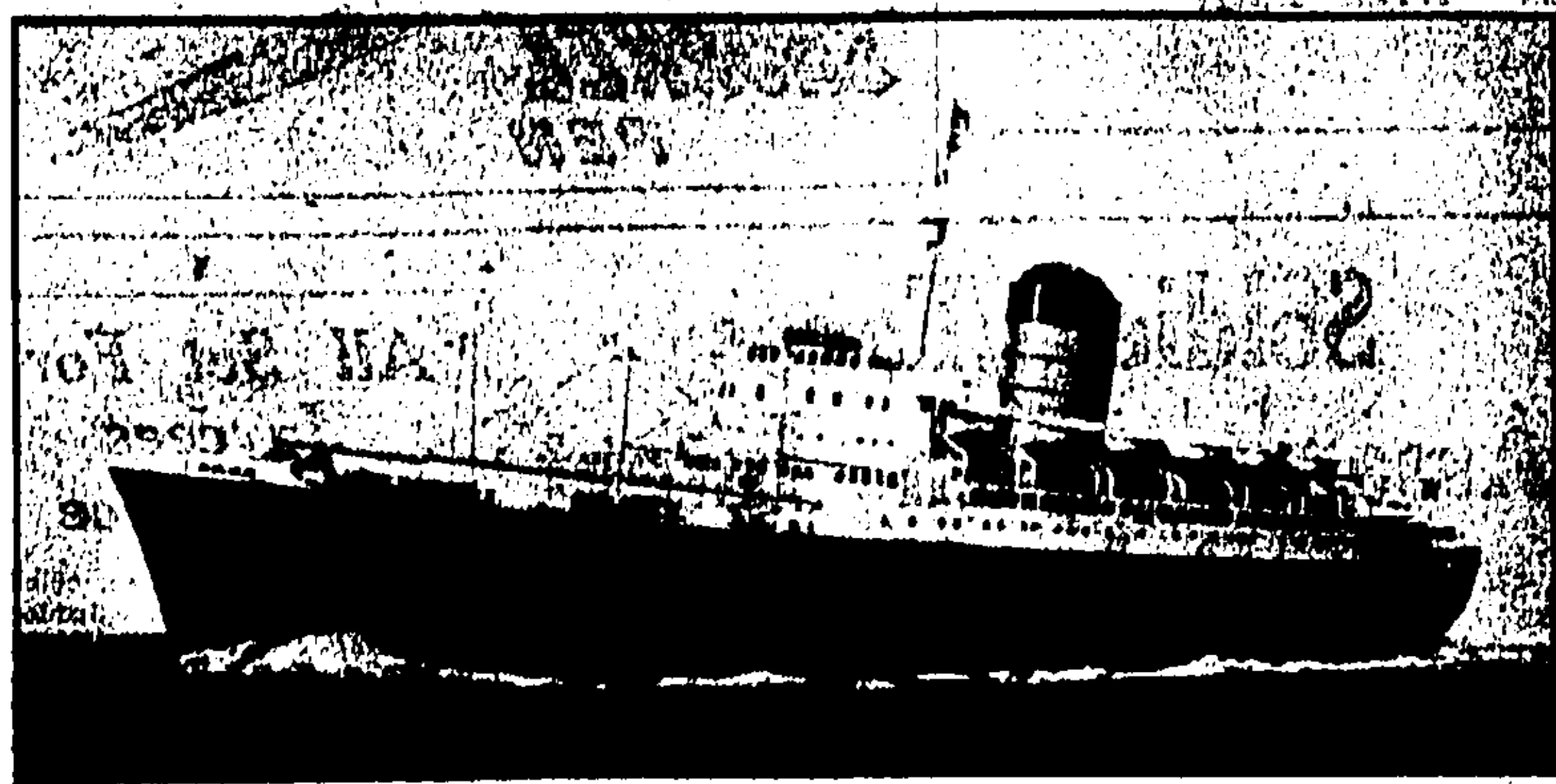
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## Cunard's New Liner



Beautiful lines of Cunard's latest liner are shown in this impression of the Saxonia, named and launched by Lady Churchill last week at Clydebank, Scotland, yards of Messrs. John Brown & Company. Saxonia is the first of three new Cunarders, the largest to be specially built for the Canadian service. The liner's displacement is 22,500 tons.—Reuterphoto.

## Tearing Up Frozen Alaska To Lay A 621-Mile Long Pipeline

Anchorage, Alaska, Feb. 23.

Giant bulldozers are tearing down trees and ripping up the frozen ground in Central Alaska today as they cut a path for what will be the biggest pipeline construction job in the Northland since World War II.

By the autumn of 1955, 400 barrels of jet fuel should be flowing north every hour through this 621-mile long pipeline from Haines to Fairbanks to service the fighter-interceptor aircraft which stand guard over the Arctic, where North America and Soviet Russia are near neighbours.

But as yet the pipeline is only a blueprint in United States and Canadian defence plans—though it is gradually taking on the shape of a thin 50-foot-wide scar cut through the wilderness of British Columbia, Yukon Territory and Alaska.

After more than two years of advance planning by officials of the two nations, bids were asked for last autumn and a 29,001,287-dollar contract was signed on October 29 with two United States and one Canadian firm, acting as joint venturers. These firms, Williams Brothers of Tulsa, Oklahoma; McLaughlin, Inc., of Great Falls, Montana; and Marwell Construction Company of Vancouver, B.C., started work almost immediately despite the cold northern winter.

Within a month, heavy equipment was being moved in to key points along the route, and a path was being torn through the wilderness by crews of the pipe-laying krews

who will arrive on the job in the spring.

From its southern terminal at the Alaska port of Haines, the pipeline will travel east and north through Alaska, then for 284 miles through British Columbia and Yukon Territory, and back into Alaska to the far northern city of Fairbanks. Its route follows largely that of the Alaska Highway, passing through dense forests and over mountain ranges, skirting deep northern lakes and going through swamp-land and over permanently frozen earth.

This varied terrain with its wide range of climates, providing, together, a temperature range of more than 150 degrees, is expected to present considerable building problems.

But defence officials believe the pipeline is a vital project and must be rammed through despite all obstacles, to provide a protected channel of supply in the event of an emergency. For the Polar air route across the top of the world, which brings America's big cities within easy striking distance of Europe and the Far East, is the basic reason behind the construction of this pipeline.

This Polar route concept of jet-age warfare has concentrated a fairly large share of America's defences at the "backdoor" of the United States in Alaska and the Arctic.

It is no military secret that these Alaska defence installations are operating in what the military call "the Heartland." Under this plan, the Arctic wastes are spanned by radar sites and other early-warning devices, while the actual air and ground units are concentrated in a small area of Central Alaska. This "Heartland" area of Alaska runs from the seaport city of Seward, east and north along paved highways and Alaska's only railway line to the Territory's largest city, Anchorage, where the military headquarters and an air and army base are established. From there, it continues north, into the interior, to Fairbanks, where other vital military bases have been built.

### Stormy Stretch

At present, heavy supplies and especially jet fuel for these bases must move north from the United States through the long, unpaved Alaska Highway, or travel the equally lengthy and difficult ocean shipping routes along the coast.

North of Haines, these shipping lines are in the open sea where vessels would be open to easy attack.

When the pipeline is in operation, tankers will be able to leave the United States west coast port of Seattle and travel the whole way to the Haines terminal through the protected "Alaskan passage" formed by the numerous islands and channels along the coast of British Columbia. The dangerous and stormy stretch of open water will thus be avoided.

One of the big enemies of the pipeline builders will be the weather. Workers will have to contend with a great variety of climates, from the cool summers and relatively mild winters and deep snows of the Haines area, to the hot summers and extremely cold winters in the interior of Alaska. In this region, the thermometer can reach 100 degrees Fahrenheit in the summer and drop almost as far below zero in the winter.

Fairbanks has had a high temperature of 99 degrees and a low of 10 below, which the pipeline route passes, holds the all-time cold record for North America—81 degrees below zero, recorded on February 3, 1947.

Terrain will be another big headache for the pipeline builders. The rugged, mountainous terrain of the Yukon Valley, which the pipeline route passes, holds the all-time cold record for North America—81 degrees below zero, recorded on February 3, 1947.

# NEED TO SIMPLIFY INTRICACIES OF CUSTOMS

## GATT's Novel Proposal For Tariff Cuts

The United Kingdom has joined with other countries in urging upon the United States the necessity to simplify the maze of Customs intricacies and uncertainties of interpretation which beset exporters to that country, according to the London Journal of Commerce.

Simplification, it is held, could lead to expansion and a quicker movement of trade between the USA and the rest of the world.

Britain has its own intricacies in Customs matters which must plague both our importers and exporters, but it is up to the Government to set an example to the USA and to those countries in the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, the Journal said.

Before the war British Customs duties levied on imported goods were roughly divided into two categories—those imposed traditionally for the purpose of raising revenue and those imposed primarily to afford some degree of protection to domestic industries. Balance of payments and gold and dollar reserves positions have tended to create now a procedure quite artificial to the simple system then existing, quotas and licensing restrictions have supplanted the protective tariff as the principal means available to the Government of controlling the volume of imports.

Countries overseas have not been slow to imitate Britain's traditional exponent of free trade, in adopting our procedures of controls of imports and of their extent, unfortunately they have copied the objectionable features to the extent that those Customs' rulings of the U.S.A. have called for general simplification, and Britain's own, the sterling area included, have been roundly condemned.

### LONG LISTS

"The simplicity the characterised the British tariff during the heyday of free trade, in the latter half of the 19th century," comments the current Midland Bank review, "was progressively diminished in the period between the wars. Today, the lists of duties, exemptions and allowances fill an official nine-volume nearly 300 pages, and even then the book does not enumerate all the articles which are subject to the 'general ad valorem' duty of 10 per cent. Most of the Customs' receipts, however, arise from the relatively few commodities that are subject to the 'revenue' duties."

The review goes on to give this interpretation of the duties we levy. "Although the main purpose of this group of duties is to raise revenue—as is indicated by the levying of corresponding Excise duties on home-produced goods—nevertheless, some of the countervailing Excise duties are fixed at lower rates, thereby giving a measure of protection to the British producer."

Mr Butler hopes to get support from GATT in order to gain an expansion of Commonwealth trade. This hope was expressed in the communiqué after the Sydney conference of Commonwealth Finance Ministers.

He has, to our mind, to show some leadership in clearing away intricacies in the conduct of our import trade, and the Journal Above all he has to show that the policy of imposing cuts in imports, instead of resorting to an intensification of exports, is fundamentally wrong—a policy which other countries in the world have had little alternative but to imitate willingly. The average business man knows that if he curtails purchases from one client, that client has to seek compensating sales, or else curtail his purchases to the volume and value of the curtailment imposed upon him.

It is difficult to assess why Mr Butler, two years ago, hoped he would escape instituting such a natural business cycle of events, a cycle which assumed a "snowball" character with unfortunate reverberations around the world.

The cuts in sterling area imports have led directly to the situation confronting the world today, a situation in which the United Kingdom finds itself in the unfortunate position of exporting less goods than she has necessarily to import, with further uncertainties arising from the contraction of trade, reduction of duties, and the like. The London Journal of Commerce, in its review, has some very good suggestions for simplification of the Customs' duties, and the Journal says that the Government should set an example to the USA and to those countries in the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, the Journal said.

tariffs than at cuts in imports. "No country wishing to export, or even maintain, its export trade can impose protective tariffs without taking into consideration the possibility of retaliation," it states.

**GATT PROPOSAL**  
The contracting parties to GATT have issued a brochure featuring a new proposal for the reduction of Customs tariffs. This proposal, originally came from France, and has been referred to a commission for study. It is briefly—

"Each Government participating in the plan would undertake to reduce the average incidence of its Customs tariff in a base year by 30 per cent, in stages of 10 per cent in each of three successive years. Governments would not be required to reduce every tariff rate by this amount, for within certain limits they would be free to choose the items on which to make reductions."

The reductions would, however, have to be distributed throughout the tariff and not concentrated in any one part of it, thus ensuring that the benefits would accrue to all supplying countries even to one whose interest might be limited to products of a certain class. In order to achieve that object the tariff would be divided into sections covering broad categories of related products, such as primary foods, products of the chemical industry, &c., and the 30 per cent reduction would be applied to each sector."

When this proposal was first mooted the opinion expressed in this column was to the effect that, if adopted, it would go far towards that liberalisation of trade from tariffs, quotas, licensing, with abolition of cuts in imports and levies on exports, which could conceivably lead to the rebirth of the era of free trade, with freedom of currencies.

Such an era made nations prosperous, and wealthy, and free from acrimonious strife and frustration. It would lead also to the application of the inevitable law of supply and demand, free from the artificial pump-priming to ensure an over-supply of this or that category of commodities.

## Singapore Rubber Market

Singapore, Feb. 23. The market opened higher on rumours of possible Russian buying from Indonesia.

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## Argentine Orders Russian Goods

Buenos Aires, Feb. 23. An Argentine trade delegation has placed contracts in Russia for capital goods valued at nearly \$80,000,000 (about £17,857,000) which are essential for President Peron's second five-year plan, a Foreign Ministry spokesman said here today. Argentina has also invited Czechoslovakia and Rumania to send trade delegations here, and the Argentine trade delegation now in Paris, its Moscow visit has been instructed to go to Prague. Two oil experts from this delegation will travel to Bucharest to study, and possibly purchase, oil drilling and processing equipment, the spokesman said.—Reuter.

## HONGKONG SHARE MARKET

(By Our Correspondent)

Business done on the Stock Exchange this morning amounted to \$780,448.40. Noon quotations and the morning's dealings—

**BANKS**  
HSBC Bank Ltd 1570  
East Asiatic 1570  
Nippon Yusen 1570  
Union 880 885 29 880  
Yokohama 880 885 29 880

**INSURANCES**  
Underwriters 680 7  
Asia Nat 115 120  
DOCKS, ETC.  
Dock 2140  
Provident (C) 1330 1340

**SHIPPING**  
S'at Land 1270 13  
S'at Dock 110  
Wheelock 785 795 1000 8 795

**LAND, ETC.**  
HK Hotel 680 670 200 8 670  
HK Land 74 70 20 70

**UTILITIES**  
S'at Land 110  
Humphreys 1840  
Realty 2075 2125 1000 8 2125

**STOCKS, ETC.**  
C. Light (N) 1210 1220 1000 8 1220  
C. Light (S) 1210 1220 1000 8 1220

**Electric** 305 314 200 305  
Euo 100 100 200 100  
S'at 100 100 200 100

**Telephone** 28 29 20 4584 28 29  
S'at 28 29 20 4584 28 29

**INDUSTRIALS**  
Cement 20 20 200 20  
S'at 20 20 200 20

**STOCKS, ETC.**  
Dairy 28 29 20 4584 28 29

**WATSON**  
X Ad Crawford 25 1550  
COTTONS

**MISCELLANEOUS**  
Yanzong 610 3000 8 610  
Yuanmell 137 141

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## New York Shares Lower But Losses Small

New York, Feb. 23.

Stocks turned down again today, with recent favourites among rails and industrials suffering losses of a point or more.

Activity lightened to 1,470,000 shares, the lowest since Feb. 2, from 1,510,000 in the pre-holiday session on Friday.

All sections joined the downturn, with rails, airfrights, oils and some motors the hardest hit. For the run of stocks, however, losses were small.

Market experts said the current calmness was a result of a period of consolidation after the six-week advance, and with the approaching of March 15 government tax deadline adding pressure.

The day's biggest feature on the upside, and the most active issue, was a rail—Missouri to \$52 1/2.

**DOUGLAS DOWN**  
Douglas was with a loss of 2 1/2 to \$100. Boeing fell 1 1/2 to \$86 1/2.

Declines in the oils ranged to 2 1/2 points in high-priced Texas Pacific Land Trust at \$118 1/2; and 1/2 to \$18 1/2 in American Oil.

Of 1,159 issues traded, 550 were lower and 321 higher. The NY Stock Exchange bond volume was \$3,330,000.

The American Stock Exchange volume was 450,000 shares.

**DOW JONES AVERAGES**  
Dow Jones closing averages on Wall Street were as follows:

20 industrials 200.03  
20 rails 101.59  
10 utilities 142.31  
30 stocks 115.92  
40 bonds 99.94  
Comm. future price index 119.96

**New York Sugar Market**  
New York, Feb. 23. World No. 4 sugar futures today closed 1 to 6 points higher with sales of 414 contracts.

Domestic No. 6 sugar futures closed 2 to 5 points higher with sales of 984 contracts.

Future closings were—  
Contract No. 4 (world)

March 3.42  
April 3.40  
May 3.38  
June 3.36  
July 3.34  
August 3.32  
September 3.30  
October 3.28  
November 3.26  
December 3.24

Contract No. 6  
March 5.29 1/2  
April 5.27 1/2  
May 5.25 1/2  
June 5.23 1/2  
July 5.21 1/2  
August 5.19 1/2  
September 5.17 1/2  
October 5.15 1/2  
November 5.13 1/2  
December 5.11 1/2

Spot (cents per lb. of NY ex-dock) 5.72  
ex-dock—United Press.

**CHICAGO GRAIN MARKET**  
Chicago, Feb. 23. Prices per bushel in cents:

Wheat, No. 2, red

Spot 216 1/2 (H) 216 1/2 (L) 216 1/2  
March 216 1/2  
April 216 1/2  
May 216 1/2  
June 216 1/2  
July 216 1/2  
August 216 1/2  
September 216 1/2  
October 216 1/2  
November 216 1/2  
December 216 1/2

Corn, No. 2, yellow  
Spot 104 1/2  
March 104 1/2  
April 104 1/2  
May 104 1/2  
June 104 1/2  
July 104 1/2  
August 104 1/2  
September 104 1/2  
October 104 1/2  
November 104 1/2  
December 104 1/2

New York flour, 200 lbs. sack \$11.00  
ex-dock—United Press.

## Tito Lifts The Tax On Bibles

Belgrade, Feb. 23.

On the wall of a rather draughty office in Belgrade's First of May Street hang two pictures—a photograph of President Tito and an old canvas of The Last Supper.

Their juxtaposition is symbolic of the work in Communist Yugoslavia of the Belgrade branch of the British and Foreign Bible Society which has been the sole supplier of Bibles and biblical texts to Yugoslav Christians since the Government ceased publishing them at the end of the war.

Churches have now come to rely on the Society for their supplies.

This spring the Society hopes to import a big consignment of 10,000 Bibles in the Serbian language, 6,000 in Slovene and 4,000 in Hungarian for the Hungarian minority, 6,000 New Testaments in Croatian, 5,000 in Slovene, 3,000 in Hungarian, as well as 55,000 copies of the Gospels in Serbian and Croatian.

Serbian and Croatian are essentially the same language except that the former is written in Cyrillic letters for the Serbian Orthodox Church and the latter in Western European letters for the Roman Catholic, Protestant and other Churches.

Between 1951 and 1953 the Society imported about 15,000 Bibles and 30,000 New Testaments.

The Belgrade branch is under the direction of Mr Veljko Jeremic, who has been with the Society since 1930.

Yugoslavia. No activities are undertaken in the other Balkan countries of Hungary, Rumania, Bulgaria and Albania. Mr Jeremic said the Yugoslav Government authorities were at present quite co-operative and had allowed some Bibles to be imported at a reduced duty rate. Bibles as books were liable to a 50 per cent customs duty plus another 150 per cent tax as the "import co-efficient."

"However, the Government has been very kind recently and let in some Bibles without duty, and some on payment of half the duty," said Mr Jeremic.

### At A Loss

If full duty was paid on a Bible, it would have to be sold for 1,000 dinars (24/- sterling) to cover expenses.

In fact, the Society sells at a loss. The cost of a Bible, in the Belgrade office is 200 dinars (about five shillings) to an individual customer and slightly less on bulk orders from Churches. A New Testament cost 50 dinars (about one shilling).

The Society concentrates on providing the reader with the Scriptures in his living mother tongue.

Its New Testament in Serbian is the translation made by Vuk Karadzic, early nineteenth century scholar who gave the Serbs a phonetic alphabet and a literary language. Churches in Yugoslavia are, under a religious law passed last summer, free to hold services, though they are heavily taxed and their means of education the young are limited. But, as Mr Jeremic said, the Society does not interfere in any way with Church-State relations. It is not interested in any way in distributing the texts of the Scriptures.

Before the war the office used to be the Society's centre for all the Balkans. In Yugoslavia itself there were at that time sub-offices in Sarajevo, Ljubljana, Zagreb and Skopje, and four travelling agents.

After the end of the war activities were resumed on a reduced scale and Bibles which had been printed in Sweden were again distributed. Then in 1948 and 1950 it closed these offices.

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## A black and white cartoon illustration. In the foreground, a man in a suit and hat stands next to a large, ornate, box-like structure, possibly a safe or a piece of furniture. He is holding a small object, possibly a key or a piece of paper, and looking at it. The background shows a simple landscape with a house and trees. The style is reminiscent of mid-20th-century political cartoons.